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DELKIN - JONES - McDUFFIE

FAMILY HISTORY

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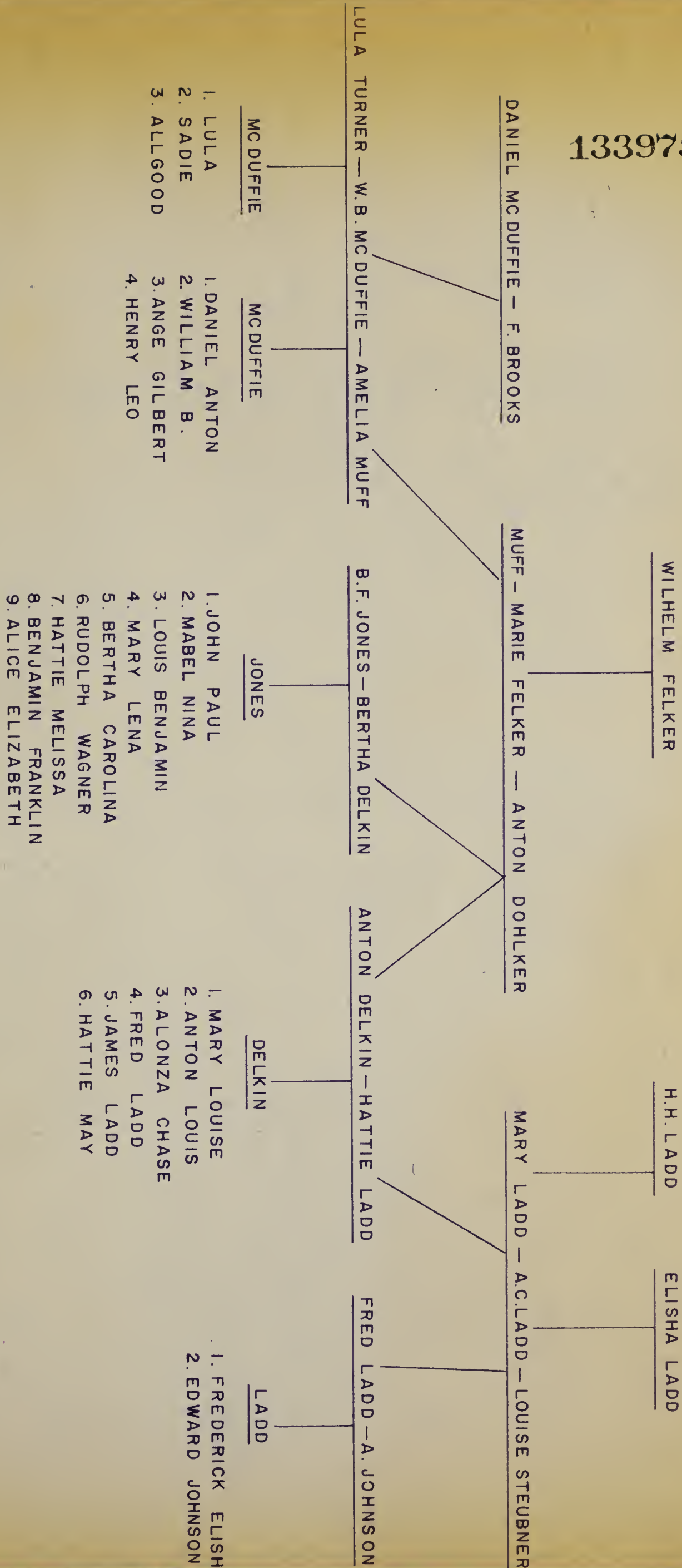
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Atlanta, Georgia  
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- ii 100. Anton Dohlker came to Atlanta, Georgia from Berlin, Germany. He served in the Confederate Army and never returned from the Civil War. His wife, Maria Magdalena Felker, Daughter of Wilhelm Felker, was born in Weimar, Germany in 1824 and came to this country when she was 30 years old to visit her Aunt, Mrs. Amelia Trabert who lived in Atlanta. (Mrs Amelia Trabert had a daughter, Elizabeth Trabert, who married Christian Kontz, brother of Henry Kontz\*). Maria Magdalena Felker was married first to \_\_\_\_\_ Muff and had one daughter, Amelia, who married W. B. McDuffie. She was married third in 1872 to Henry Kontz\* (no children).

Children of Anton Dohlker (name changed to Delkin):

101. Bertha Caroline born June 30, 1860, m. Benjamin Franklin Jones. (Jones) X
102. Anton Louis, born August 10, 1861, m. Hattie Malissa Ladd. X

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- i 102. Anton Louis Delkin, b. Aug. 10, 1861 in Atlanta, Georgia m. June 10, 1885 to Hattie Malissa Ladd, dau. of Alonzo Chase Ladd and Mary Carolina Ladd. He operated a jewelery store in Atlanta, New York, Nome, Alaska, and Las Vegas, Nevada. He died in Las Vegas, Dec. 12, 1926. Cremated, ashes buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia.

Children (All born in Atlanta, Georgia)

103. Mary Louise, born June 13, 1887, d. Dec. 11, 1891, of scarlet fever, buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.
104. Anton Louis, b. January 6, 1889. X
105. Alonzo Chase, b. May 6, 1890. X
106. Frederick Ladd, b. Oct. 22, 1892. X
107. James Ladd, b. July 13, 1898. X
108. Hattie May, b. Nov. 26, 1901. X

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- o 104. Anton Louis Delkin, b. Jan. 6, 1889, m. 1st July 1909 Tillie Bergman of Vancouver, British Columbia; she d. 1940. Anton m. 2nd. \_\_\_\_\_ 1943, Madeline Seaman of New York City. Res. Alhambra, Calif. (1961)

Children of Anton and Tillie:

109. James, b. July 1910, d. Oct 23, 1948.
110. William, b. Aug. 1912, lives in Berkley, Calif. (1961).





- o. 105. <sup>3</sup>Alonzo Chase Delkin, b. May 6, 1890, m. June 18, 1924 in Seattle, Washington to Eugenia Francis Watson (born in Burlear, N. C. May 25, 1892) residence Arcadia, Cal. (1961).

Children

111. James Alonzo, b. Jan. 1, 1928 in Las Vegas, Nev. attended public school in Arcadia, Cal., high school Monrovia-Duarte, Pasadena City College, Linfield, Oregon College, Berkley Baptist Divinity School (Graduated B.S. 1955). Minister in Berkley, Cal. (1961).
112. Mary Louise, b. Feb. 5, 1932 attended public school in Arcadia, Cal., high school Monrovia-Duarte, Citrus Junior College, Azusa, Whittier College (graduated June 1953) (Delta Phi Upsilon). M. June 21, 1953 Theodore F. Marshbum, M.D., son of Oscar O. Marshbum graduated from Friends Boarding School, Barnesville, Ohio, Whittier College (1951), George Washington College, UCLA School of Medicine (1955) lives in Whittier, Cal. (1961).

Children (Marshbum)

113. Carol Ann, b. Dec. 5, 1955.

114. David Edward, b. October 3, 1957.

- o. 106. <sup>3</sup>Frederick Ladd Delkin, b. Oct. 22, 1892, m. June 18, 1921 Ester Lee Martin, res. Bellevue, Washington (1961).

Children

115.

116. Ladd

- o. 107. <sup>3</sup>James Ladd Delkin, b. July 13, 1898, m. Oct. 18, 1926 Barbara Lyon. Res. Carmel, Cal. (1961).

Children

117. Jay Ladd, b. Feb. 26, 1931 in Paris, France.

- o. 108. <sup>3</sup>Hattie May Delkin, b. Nov. 26, 1901, m. 1st. June 25, 1924, Gerry William Eden (divorced); m. 2nd. Nov. 1, 1930 E. Lionel Pavlo of Russia (divorced July 1954). A.B.U. of Cal. at Berkley (1924), M.A. N.Y.U. (1937), Student: U. of Cal. (1927-28), Columbia (1940-42). Teacher; U. of Cal., Los Angeles (1923), U. Nevada (1925), Whites Prep. School, Berkley, Cal. (1926-27), Anaheim, Cal., High School (1928), White Plains, N. Y. High School (1930-44), N. Y. University (1933-36).





Foreign Correspondant (Europe) for Brooklyn Eagle, Freedom and Union, Washington, D. C. and Charlott, N. C. News (1950-53). President Lon-Gene, Inc., Hamilton House, Las Vegas, Nev. (1957). Member: Women for Atlantic Union ( founder and president 1953)(Member board of governors 1949-59); Business and Professional Womens Club; International Federation Women Lawyers; Las Vegas Press Club; National Democratic Club; Women Pays; Lucy Stone League.

Business Executive, Inventor, playwright, res. Las Vegas, Nev. (1961).

#### Children

118. Anita Pavlo, b. July 1, 1935, m. Jerry West (divorced) lives in N. Y. City (1961)
119. Richard Delkin Pavlo, b. Nov. 13, 1938, lives in Las Vegas, Nev. (1961).



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- i. 150. <sup>1</sup>Benjamin Franklin Jones, b. Feb. 4, 1857, son of Emanuel and Emily Polly (Rawlinson) Jones. m. Nov. 2, 1882 to Bertha Carolina Delkin, dau. of Anton and Maria Magdaline (Felker) Dohlker. Both of whom came to Atlanta, Georgia from Germany.

Children (All born in Atlanta, Ga.)

151. John Paul, b. Oct. 3, 1883 \*
152. Mabel Nina, b. Feb. 11, 1886, Graduated Girls High School, Atlanta, Columbia, N. Y. (summer); 45.5 years Atlanta School System, Supt. Primary Department 30 years, Cascade Baptist Church. (Not Married) lives in Atlanta.
153. Louis Benjamin, b. July 1, 1888, d. June 20, 1953, (not married).
154. Mary Lena, b. Jan. 6, 1891. \*
155. Bertha Carolena, b. Feb. 23, 1893. \*
156. Rudolph Wagner, b. Jan. 12, 1895. \*
157. Hattie Melissa, b. Jan. 14, 1898, m. Winston Wimberley; she d. Dec. 2-3, 1951 (no children),
158. Benjamin Franklin, b. Jan. 10, 1901. \*
159. Alice Elizabeth, b. Dec. 2, 1905. \*
- o. 151. <sup>2</sup>John Paul Jones, b. Oct. 3, 1883, m. Sept. 4, 1903 Elizabeth Jane Kelley; Res. Atlanta, Ga.

Children:

160. Delkin, b. April 13, 1906, m. Dec. 29, 1934 Helen Bach; Res. Atlanta. Children: Carol Bach, b. May 28, 1938 m. Dec. 17, 1960, Jack Watson of Shreveport. Chastine, b. May 2, 1941 m. Brooks Schoen, (one son Christian Brooks); Christian Bach, b. Nov. 16, 1945.
161. Winston, b. Jan. 22, 1909, m. (no children)
162. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 27, 1912, m. William S. Watson, res. Tampa, Fla. Children: William S. Watson b. June 5, 1945; Kelley Watson, b. April 19, 1948.
163. John Paul, b. April 25, 1917, Res. Chattanooga, Tenn. Espiscopal Minister. M. Charlotte Clarkson. Children: Devereux, b. Feb. 28, 1951 Julia Rebecca, b. Jan. 25, 1953 Clarkson, b. June 25, 1956.





- o. 154. Mary Lena Jones, b. Jan. 6, 1891, m. June 19, 1919. Fred J. Liley, who d. July 15, 1961. Res. Atlanta, Ga.

## Children

164. Joyce Clyde, b. Mar. 7, 1922, m. July 13, 1943  
Maj. Eugene \*Wailles Causey, res. Okinawa.  
Children: Peggy Joyce Causey, b. Nov. 6, 1948 and  
Eugene \*Wailles (Trip) Causey, III, b. Oct. 26, 1952.

- o. 155. <sup>2</sup>  
Bertha Carolena Jones, b. Feb. 23, 1893, m. Aug. 11, 1912.  
Henry Olin Harris. He d. Jan. 27, 1935. She d. Sept. 15, 1960.

## Children

165. Louis Benjamin Harris, b. Oct. 27, 1919, m.  
Jean Roper, res. Smyrna, Ga. Children: Mike, b. Sept.  
5, 1951, and Richard, b. Oct. 5, 1953.

166. Mary Louise Harris, b. Feb. 8, 1922, m. Sept. 8, 1942.  
Rex Wilson, Res. Atlanta; Children: Carolyn Joy, b.  
Feb. 27, 1944 and Timothy Rex, b. April 18, 1949.

167. Robert L. Harris, b. Aug. 24, 1928, m. July 30, 1949  
Dorothy Little, b. July 8, 1930; res. Decatur, Ga.  
Children: Renée, b. April 4, 1952, Melissa, b. July 8,  
1955, and Martha Robin, b. Feb. 24, 1959.

- o. 156. Rudolph Wagner Jones, b. Jan. 12, 1895, m. July 31, 1915  
Gladys Marie Hawkins, b., Aug. 11, 1896, res. Macon, Ga.

## Children

168. Dr. John Paul Jones, b. June 19, 1916, Grad. Ga. University  
A. B.; Grad. Univ. Ga. Medical School, Augusta, M. D.  
M. Oct. 19, 1946, Edna Underwood, b. Sept. 11, 1916. Res.  
Macon, Ga.  
Children: John Payl, b. May 31, 1948; Girard, b. Jan. 9,  
1950, David, b. Aug. 26, 1952.

169. Dr. Rudolph Wagner Jones, b. Nov. 12, 1921. Grad. from  
Harvard, Cornell Medical School. m. Dorothy Zimmerman  
Sept. 15, 1945 of Bradford, N. Y., Grad. Cornell. Res.  
Macon, Ga.  
Children: Suzanne Marie, b. July 13, 1946. Zoe' Girard  
b. Aug. 3, 1949; Jeannie, b. Feb. 25, 1954. Rufolph, III,  
b. Aug. 19, 1956.

- o. 158. <sup>2</sup>  
Benjamin Franklin Jones, b. Jan. 10, 1901, Graduate Boys High,  
Atlanta, 1918, Graduate from Harvard 1922, A. B., Magna Cum Laude,  
M. A. Oxford 1924, M. D. Harvard, Phi Beta Kappa; m. Mary  
Elizabeth Wyeth (separated) res. Baltimore, Md. Teacher at  
Johns Hopkins. Children: Pamela, B. Dec. 28, 1933.  
Grad. Sara Lawrence College, N. Y. C.; Benjamin Wyeth, b.  
Dec. 29, 1938.



- o. 159. Alice Elizabeth Jones, b. Dec. 2, 1905, m. April 28, 1945  
Carl Edward King, b. June 10, 1919 at Quitman, Texas, Son  
of Sul Ross and Vera Etna (Bowlin) King. Sul Ross King was  
b. April 12, 1869 in Bryan, Texas, son of Mary Elizabeth  
(Morton) King, dau. of A. W. Morton; she was b. Aug. 3, 1840  
in Kentucky; d. Sept. 23, 1926 in Viola, Arkansas. Vera  
Etna Bowlin was b. July 14, 1886, near Tupelo, in Lee County,  
Miss. Children of Carl Edward and Alice Elizabeth (Jones)  
King: Carl Edward King, Jr., b. Aug. 30, 1947, Atlanta, Ga.





McDUFFIE



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William McDuffie, b. Mar. 29, 1856, son of Daniel A and Frances (Brooks) McDuffie, was married four times. He m. 1st about 1875, Amelia Muff, b. Apr. 27, 1857, dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ and Maria Magdalena (Felker) Muff, who was b. in Weimar, Germany Sept. 24, 1824, came to Atlanta about 1854 and d. Jan. 26, 1907. Amelia (Muff) McDuffie d. May 11, 1887 at

Children (All born in Atlanta, Ga.)

1. Daniel Anton, b. Aug. 29, 1876 \*
2. William B., b. Sept. 15, 1878 \*
3. Ange Gilbert, b. Dec. 14, 1880 \*
4. Henry Leo, b. Dec. 20, 1883, d. June 10, 1887, buried at West View Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.

William McDuffie, M. 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, Lula Turner, b. at Lithia Springs, Ga., dau. of \_\_\_\_\_. Lula was a sister of Jessie Ann Turner who m. Daniel Anton McDuffie. She d. and was buried in West View Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.

Children

5. Lula, b.
6. Sadie, b.
7. Allgood, b.

William McDuffie m. 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, Jane Brown, b. at \_\_\_\_\_, dau. of \_\_\_\_\_. She d. and was buried in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Rome, Ga.

(No Children)

William McDuffie, m. 4th \_\_\_\_\_, Louise Carey, b. at Pensacola, Fla. dau. of \_\_\_\_\_. She d. and was buried in Pensacola, Fla.

William McDuffie d. Oct. 2, 1951 at

(No children)



1. Daniel Anton McDuffie, b. Aug. 29, 1876, m. May 27, 1895, Jessie Anna Turner, b. Sept. 6, 1878. Daniel Anton MCDuffie organized the first fire department in East Point, Ga. in 1910. He was mayor of East Point in 1921 and 1922. He served on the City Council in 1937 and 1938.

Children

8. Hattie Amelia, b. Aug. 13, 1896. \*
  9. Jessie Leonora, b. Dec. 6, 1898. \*
  10. Daniel Anton, Jr., b. May 13, 1901, d. October 21, 1927, never married.
  11. Marcus Roderick, b. Feb. 28, 1904. \*
  12. William Forrest, b. June 25, 1906. \*
  13. Frances Wilmotine, b. Apr. 26, 1916. \*
2. William Benjamin McDuffie, b. Sept. 15, 1878, m. June 10, 1902, Margaret McWhirter, b. June 29, 1883, d. June 11, 1925. He d. Nov. 26, 1959.

Children

14. Nellie Claire, b. Mar. 15, 1903. \*
  15. Margaret Lynch, b. June 19, 1909. \*
3. Ange Gilbert McDuffie, b. Dec. 14, 1880, m. 1st Mollie  
Clements, b. Oct. 27, 1882 at

Children

16. Vera, b. Sept. 26, 1903. \*
  17. Gilbert Clement, b. Sept. 12, 1905. \*
  18. James Eugene, b. Oct. 27, 1907. \*
  19. Joseph, b. Oct. 17, 1910. \*
  20. Leontes, b. Apr. 17, 1913. \*
8. Hattie Amelia McDuffie, b. Aug. 13, 1896 in Atlanta, Ga., m. May 3, 1917  
Robert Willard Harman, b. Jan. 11, 1895, d. May 13, 1959, buried in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.

Children

21. Robert Willard Harman, Jr., b. April 24, 1918. \*
22. Mariana Harman, b. Feb. 12, 1925. \*





9. Jesse Leonora McDuffie, b. Dec. 6, 1898, m. Dec. 19, 1923 at First Methodist Church in East Point, Ga., Emmett Floyd Smith, b. Aug. 21, 1894.

Children

23. Florence Joyce Smith, b. Mar. 8, 1925. \*

11. Marcus Roderick McDuffie, b. Feb. 28, 1904, m. June 27, 1928 at East Point, Ga. Daisy Hardaway.

Children

24. Russell Anton, b. Nov. 3, 1931. \*

12. William Forrest McDuffie, b. June 25, 1906 at East Point, Ga., m. Dec. 25, 1940 to Stella Bates, b. 23, July, 1911 at Belton, Texas.

Children

25. Samuel Antony, b. June 7, 1946 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

13. Frances Wilmotine McDuffie, b. April 26, 1916, m. Jan. 9, 1945 at First Methodist Church in East Point, Ga., George Frederick Owen, b. Dec. 21, 1913 at East Point, Ga.

Children

26. Anna Frederick Owen, b. Jan. 5, 1946 in Atlanta, Ga.

14. Nellie Claire McDuffie, b. 15, Mar, 1908, m. Dec. 22, 1923 at Atlanta, Ga. Joseph Newton Cheney, b. Jan. 11, 1901 at Atlanta, Ga.

Children

27. June Claire Cheney, b. June 17, 1928. \*

15. Margaret Lynch McDuffie, b. June 19, 1909, m. June 4, 1927 at Fla, William R. Lackey, b. Feb. 1, 1901 in Atlanta, Ga.

Children

28. Margaret Elaine Lackey, b. July 28, 1928. \*

29. William R. Lackey, Jr. b. Mar. 30, 1935. \*

16. Vera McDuffie, b. Sept. 26, 1903, in Rome, Ga., m. Oct. 10, 1925 at East Point, Ga., Dr. Alfred Cornelius Current, Dentist of Gastonia, N. C., b. Aug. 31, 1896.

Children

30. Dr. Alfred Cornelius Current, Jr. b. May 30, 1928. \*

31. Dr. William Ange Current, b. May 4, 1933.

32. Mollie Lysbeth Current, b. Dec. 19, 1935. \*



17. Gilbert Clement McDuffie, b. Sept. 12, 1905 at Rome, Ga., m. Sept. 25, 1926, Thelma Burke, b. Apr. 6, 1907 at Forest Park, Ga. He d. Feb. 19, 1961, buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Fulton County, Ga.

Children

33. Gilbert Clement, Jr. b. July 24, 1929.  
34. Mary Burke, b. June 10, 1936.  
35. Carol Burke, b. Oct. 6, 1944.
18. James Eugene McDuffie, b. Oct. 27, 1907 at East Point, Ga., M. Dec. 24, 1936 at Atlanta, Ga., Gladys Roper, b. Sept. 12, 1909 at Hiram, Ga. He d. Oct. 4, 1955, buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Fulton County, Ga.

Children

36. Sue, b. July 22, 1947, East Point, Ga.
19. Joseph McDuffie, b. Oct. 17, 1910, m. 1st \_\_\_\_\_, Anne Brown.  
m. 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Children by First Wife

37. Joseph Lee, b. Mar. 21, 1935 at College Park, Ga.  
38. Annie Kathrine, b. Feb. 21, 1937 at College Park, Ga.  
39. Sandra Sue, b. Apr. 29, 1944.

(No children by second wife)

20. Leontes McDuffie, b. Apr. 17, 1913 m. 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Sylvia  
Cochran.

Children

40. Malcom Eugene, b. Sept. 4, 1942 at Columbia, S. C.  
Student at Ga. Tech, Atlanta, Ga. (1962)

Leontes McDuffie m. 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Catherine Cochran

No children

21. Robert Willard Harman, Jr. b. April 24, 1918, m. Sept. 20, 1941  
Bessie Louise Bishop, b. Feb. 11, 1915.

Children

41. Robert Willard Harman, III, b. Apr. 13, 1947.
22. Marianna Harman, b. Feb. 12, 1925, m. Jan. 21, 1950 Jack Dean Hurd,  
b. Mar. 7, 1915.





Children

- 42. Michael Dean Hurd, b. Jan. 8, 1952.
  - 43. Joan Cynthia Hurd, b. May 3, 1954
  - 44. Charles Harman Hurd, b. Nov. 11, 1957.
23. Florence Joyce Smith, b. Mar. 8, 1925 at East Point, Ga., m. Oct. 5, 1945 at First Methodist Church, East Point, Ga., James Douglas Sanders, b. Mar. 14, 1923 in Louisville, Miss.

Children

- 45. Debra Leonora Sanders, b. Nov. 12, 1950 in Atlanta, Ga.
  - 46. Edith Wilmotine Sanders, b. Nov. 7, 1953 in Charleston, S. C.
  - 47. Dorinda Joyce Sanders, b. Oct. 26, 1957 in Charleston, S. C.
24. Russell Anton McDuffie, b. Nov. 3, 1931 at East Point Ga, m. June 14, 1952 Sue Stephenson, b. Oct. 21, 1933 at College Park, Ga.

Children

- 48. Andrea, b. Sept. 16, 1954 in Jackson, Miss.
  - 49. Russell Antone, Jr. b. Aug, 7, 1956 in Jackson, Miss.
27. June Claire Cheney, b. June 17, 1928 at West Palm Beach, Fla. m. Nov. 26, 1949 at West Palm Beach, Fla. Joseph Russell, Jr. b. Oct. 27, 1926.

Children

- 50. Byron Cheney, Russell, b. Oct. 20, 1953.
  - 51. Lauren Claire Russell, b. Feb. 13, 1958
28. Margaret Elaine Lackey, b. July 28, 1928, ma. June 14, 1950 Robert E. Logsdon, b. Dec. 4, 1927.

Children

- 52. Linda Elaine Logsdon, b. Aug. 5, 1951.
  - 53. Robert E. Logsdon, Jr. b. Aug. 26, 1953.
  - 54. Stephen William Logsdon, b. Nov. 10, 1954.
  - 55. Hartley Thomas Logsdon, b. Feb. 27, 1958.
  - 56. Kevin Andrew Logsdon, b. June 9, 1960.
29. William R. Lackey, Jr., b. Marth 30, 1935, m. Sept. 11, 1960. Frances Wharton, b. June 16, 1940.

Children

- 57. Mary Ann, b. June 13, 1961



30. Dr. Alfred Cornelius Current, Jr. b. May 30, 1928 at Gastonia, N. C.  
m. Marjorie Sue Martin, b.

Children

58. Susan Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1952.  
59. Alfred Cornelius, III, b. June 24, 1954.  
60. Darrill Crane, b. May 10, 1959.

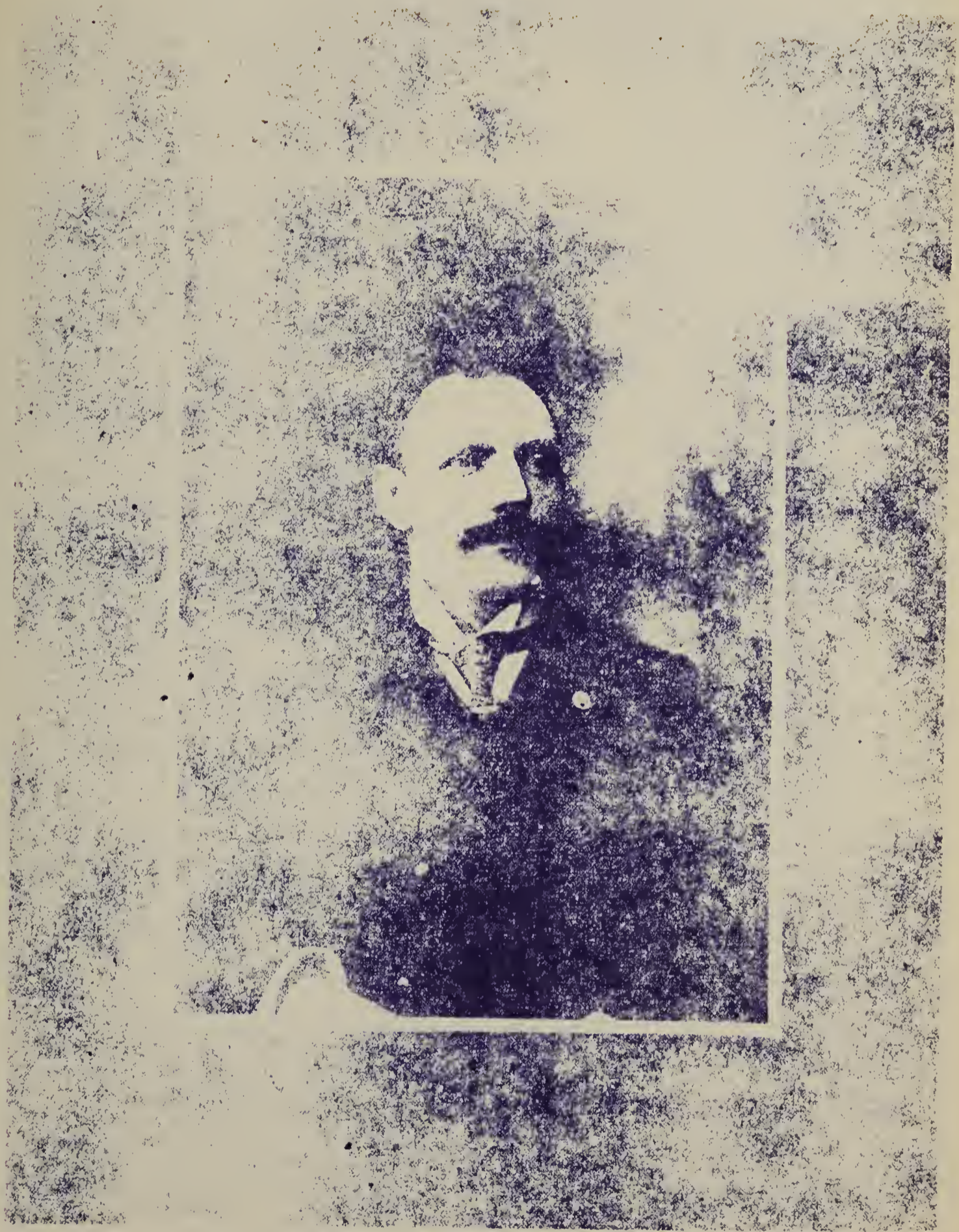
32. Mollie Lysbeth Current, b. Dec. 19, 1935, m.  
David Perry, Jr. b. April 14, 1933.

Children

61. David Perry, III, b. Oct. 27, 1956.







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MARY CATHERINE LADD  
HATTIE MALISSA(LADD) DELKIN







MARY LOUISE DELKIN

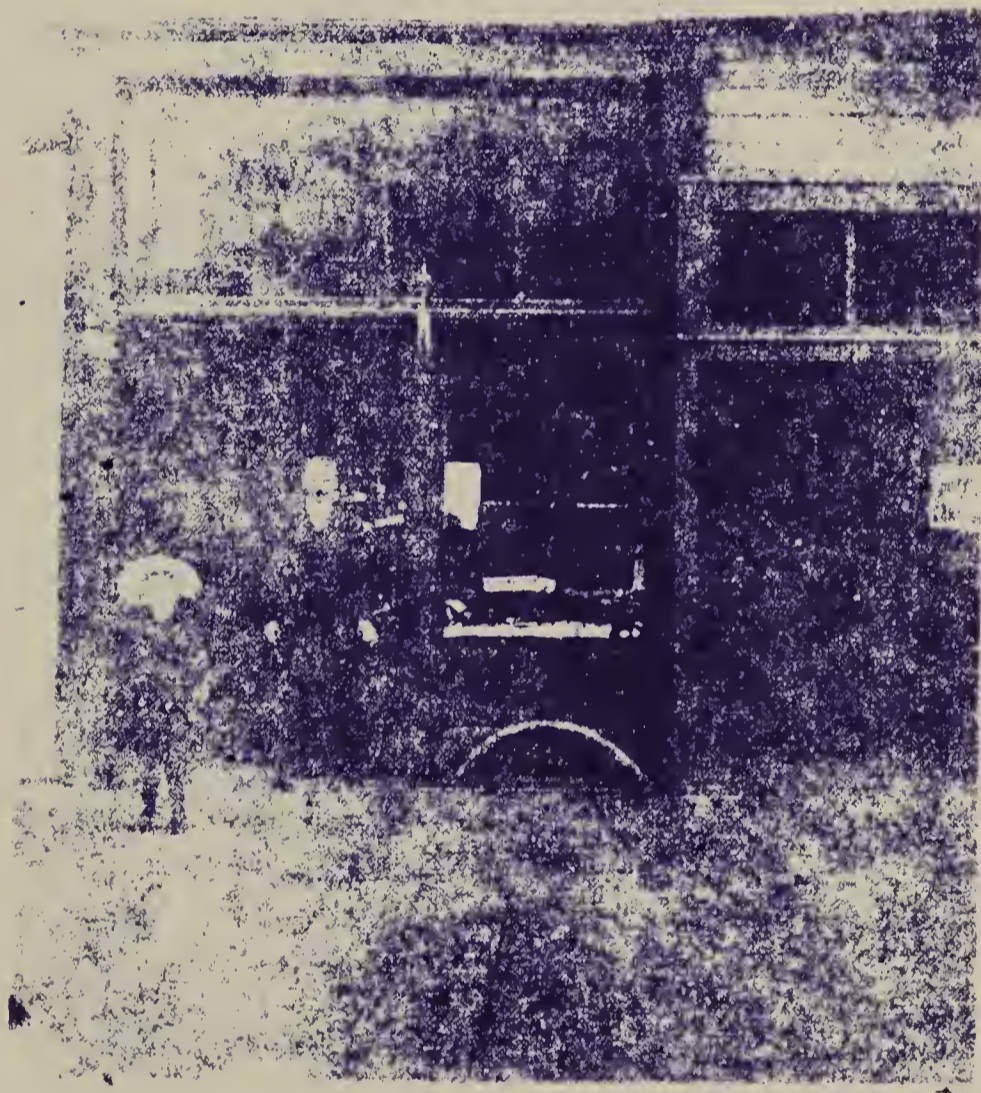




DELKIN FAMILY







HATTIE MAE DELKIN & FRED E. LADD  
NOME, ALASKA — 1907







ALONZA CHASE LADD





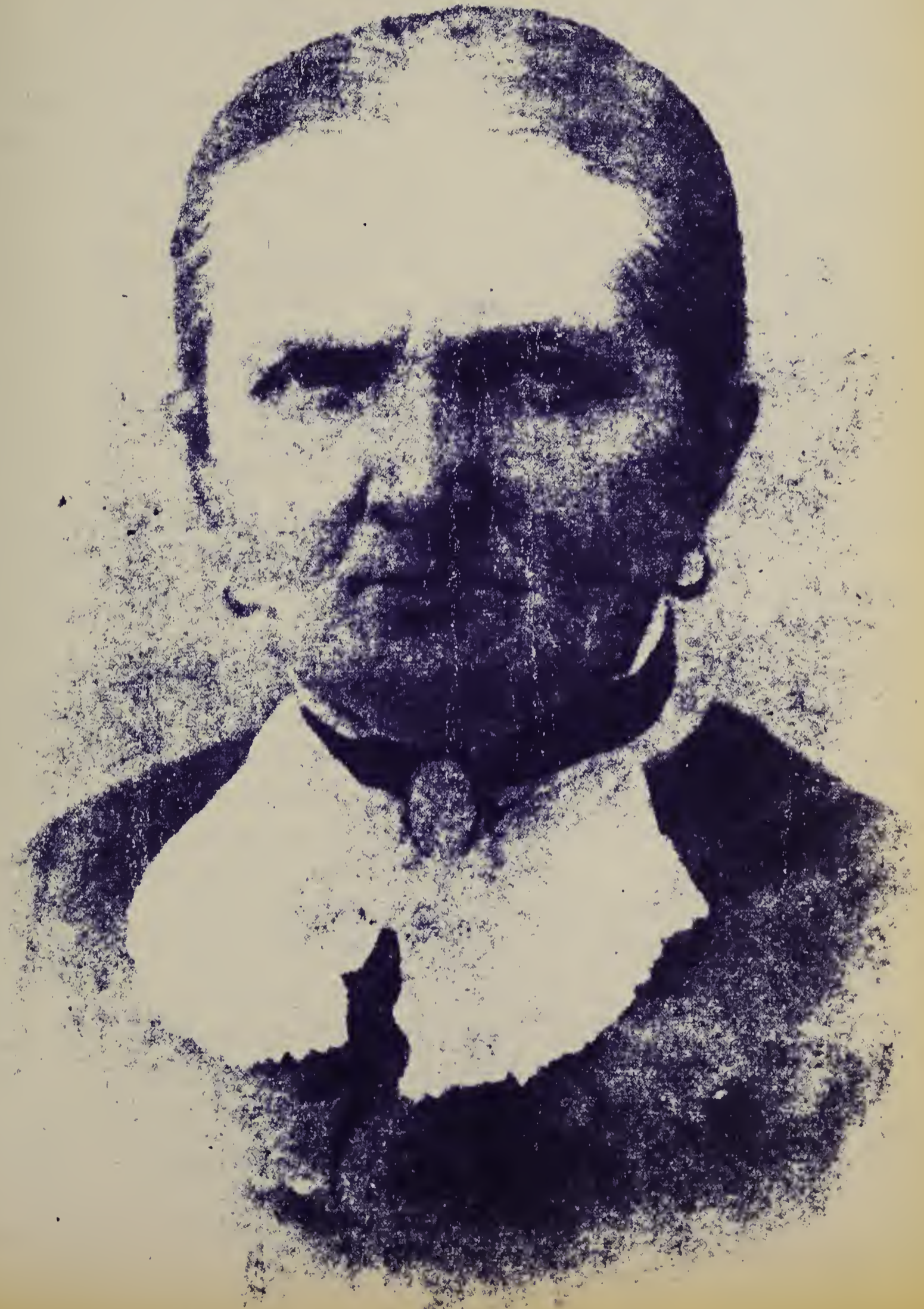
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MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN F. JONES, SR.









MARIA MAGDALINE (FELKER) DELKIN





990 Oriole Drive, S. W.  
Atlanta, 11, Georgia  
October 21, 1961

Dear Alice, Carl, and Carl, Jr., King,

For the purpose of recording our family history, I wish to set down in this letter information relative to our paternal grandmother, EMILY POLLY RAWLINSON JONES REYNOLDS. She was born Emily Polly Rawlinson in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1842 or 1843. Her death occurred February 29th, 1892; her death certificate is quoted in full as follows:

"CERTIFICATE OF DEATH. (To be exchanged when properly filled out at City Hall, for burial permit). All blanks to be filled. Atlanta, Ga., March 1st, 1892 Name Mrs Emily P. Reynolds Age 49 years (not shown) months (not shown) days (not shown) Sex Fem. Color White Nativity Charleston S. C. - U. S. A. Occupation Housekeeper Married, single or widowed Widow Residence: No. 14 Strong St. Cause of death Dropsy from organic disease of heart I hereby certify that the above described person died, as herein stated, on the 29th day of February, 1892 Wm. Abram Love, M. D. Remarks (None)"

Her first marriage was to Emanuel Jones, and to this marriage three children were born who are described as follows:

1. Benjamin Franklin Jones, my father (and of course, Alice, your father too), was born the fourth day of February, eighteen fifty-seven in Columbia, South Carolina.
2. Charles Oscar Jones
3. Alice Eugenia Jones was married to Dudley Fleming. To this union three children were born, known to me by names as Sam, Dudley, and Will. Alice's death came tragically; she was attempting to build a fire in her cook stove with kerosene when an explosion of flame occurred, causing her to be burned to death. Her death was transmitted to my father by telegram dated November 9th, 1889, and quoted as follows:

"Ben F. Jones 161 W. Mitchell St. Atlanta, Georgia  
Nov. 9, 1889 Alice passed away at 6 oclock this morning".

*Mabel N. Jones*  
(Signature: Mabel Nina Jones)





To: Alice, Carl  
and Carl, Jr., King

From: Mabel Nina Jones  
October 21, 1961

Alice and Dudley and three children were living in Brunswick, Georgia, at the time of her death.

Her, Emily Polly Rawlinson Jones Reynolds, second marriage was to a Mr. Reynolds of the Dominion of Canada. They made their home in Canada for a time, then moved to Atlanta, Georgia where they made their home until the death of Mr. Reynolds; it is not known by me whether Mr. Reynolds was buried in Atlanta or the body shipped to Canada for burial. Three children were born to this marriage and are described as follows:

1. Emma Reynolds married Compton Daniel and to this marriage four children were born, known to me by names of Inez, Mildred, Mattie, and Compton. When Mr. Daniel died, Emma left Atlanta and probably went to Florida or Georgia where she is thought to have married again; she died away from Atlanta, place not known.
2. Minnie Reynolds married Nathaniel Blair; two children whose names are unknown to me were born to this union. Minnie Reynolds left Atlanta and went to Canada to Toronto, Canada, to claim her share of an inheritance left to her by her father's relatives and on her way home to Atlanta she forever mysteriously disappeared. The last place where she was known to have been by her family was New York City, New York.
3. Fred Reynolds was killed in an accident at about the age of 18 or 19. He was never married.

Relative to the Death Certificate quoted on sheet one of this letter of our grandmother Reynolds, that part which is written, ". . . Nativity Charleston S. C. - U. S. A. . ." is incorrect. Our grandmother was born in a house located on the exact spot of the present location of the capitol building of the state of South Carolina in Columbia.





(Sheet Number Three)

To: Alice, Carl,  
and Carl, Jr., King

From: Mabel Nina Jones  
October 21, 1961

The marriage of Grandmother Emily Polly Rawlinson Jones and Emanuel Jones existed during The War Between the States. Grandfather Emanuel Jones went into the Confederate Army and served during the war; upon completion of the war he did not return to his home, probably because he lived with his family in Columbia, South Carolina, and while he was serving in the war, his family moved to Atlanta, their moving being unknown to him. Years later he came to Atlanta and quite by accident found his family. This drama was captured in a newspaper article in the THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION issue of Wednesday Morning of February 28, 1883, and quoted in its entirety as follows:

"THE SOLDIER'S RETURN - TO FIND WIFE AND CHILDREN HIDDEN FROM VIEW. - The Culmination of a Social Sensation in Atlanta - A Wedding of Years ago in Columbia - Nights on the Tented Fields - The Loss of Family - Final Result of Years of Search.

"A marvelous story has just come to light in Atlanta. In 1853 there was a merry and happy wedding in Columbia, S. C. The groom was Mr. Emanuel Jones, a young gentleman of about twenty years of age, and the bride was Miss Emily Rabson (should be Rawlinson not Rabson), a lady of beauty and culture, and a few years his junior. Both were well known and were highly esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The groom was engaged in a lucrative business, and for him and his bride life had a rosy tinge, and but for the late war there might have been a happy fruition of all their dreams. When the war came on Mr. Jones was the father of three happy, beautiful children; the husband of a devoted wife and the possessor of an attractive home. But as dear to him as these possessions were, his country was dearer, and, leaving all behind him he enlisted at the

*Mabel N. Jones*





(Sheet Number Four)  
To: Alice, Carl,  
and Carl, Jr., King

From: Mabel Nina Jones  
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first call and went to the front. For four years his face was constantly toward the foe and never once during that time did HE SEE WIFE, CHILDREN OR HOME.

"As often as possible he penned and mailed words of love and kindness to his family, but for some unaccountable reason he received but one reply. That was written by his wife. It was filled with assurances of her undying devotion to him, his children and the cause for which he was fighting. It was full of prayers for his safe return to her and their children, of whom she spoke in the most glowing terms, and closed by stating that for safety to them, she had left her old home in Charleston, and was then in Augusta.

"Except this one letter, which the soldier placed between the leaves of his bible, and wore over his heart throughout the war, Mr. Jones heard nothing from his home. The end finally came. Lee gave up his sword at Appomattox, and the men who for years had endured hunger, hardship and fatigue were once more free to seek their homes. With a heart heavy because his cause was a lost one, but with an elastic step and an eye beaming with joy the South Carolina volunteer turned his face toward his home and within a few days was tramping the streets that so often had echoed his step. The few years absence had wrought its changes. They were many and severe, but the severest of all to the soldier was his inability to find his family. But in the war which he was then fighting alone he proved himself as good a soldier as before, and at last considered himself a conqueror when he ascertained that his wife and children were then in Augusta. Without delay, and with a heart brimful of love for the absent ones, the soldier AGAIN TOOK UP HIS LINE OF MARCH, and never called a halt until the





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Georgia town was reached. There he began his second search for the ones he loved so well and from whom he had been so long separated. But fate seemed against him and after days of anxiety and toil he learned that his wife and children had moved from Augusta to Atlanta. Not disheartened by their long silence and by his many ineffectual efforts to find them, he again took the road and bivouaced not until he reached the Gate City. Here he found many sad evidences of the war, but to him the saddest was that his wife and children had gone to Canada. This intelligence seemed reliable, and in despair the soldier almost gave up the fight, but just as he was on the eve of surrendering he recollected the many sudden changes from defeat to victory when he followed the illustrious Lee, and taking courage, he again set out to find all the war had left for him. After months he reached their destination, but it was only to learn that they were dead. This put a quietus to the hunt, and returning to the south, his native land, Mr. Jones began learning a trade. His fortune had been swept away by the war, and all that was near and dear to him were dead. In Atlanta he worked for months and then becoming restless, started out on a tramp. Chattanooga, Memphis and towns further west were made temporary homes, but no place or happiness met him. Finally, in 1872, he reached Prattville, Alabama, where he worked for months and where he found solace for the loss he had sustained during the war. In that quiet Alabama village he became acquainted with a Miss Lillie James. She bore a striking resemblance to his wife, and from friendship to love they went, and finally happiness was his again when he called her his wife.

\*After a residence of about a year in Prattville, Mr. Jones and

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his wife came to Atlanta, where they remained for months, They then began traveling, and about three years ago came back to Atlanta, where they lived for some time. About nine months ago they again left Atlanta and went to Newton, Alabama, where his second wife died about four months ago. To him the blow was a terrible one, and when her form had been laid at rest he again turned his face towards Atlanta, where he now is, and where the last chapter of his strange and eventful history is being written.

#### "THE LOST FOUND

"A little over two weeks ago Mr. Jones happened to call at Mrs. Green's boarding house, on Foundry street, and while there narrated some parts of his strange life. As the words fell from his lips they were drank in by Mrs. Green with peculiar interest. And Why? Because she knew the other side of a similar story. Asking Mr. Jones for the names of his children, she informed him that she knew them, and told Mr. Jones that the eldest son was then at Winship's foundry. In addition to this statement she enumerated facts concerning the family which made Mr. Jones believe that he had found his long lost family. With a heart full of joy and doubt he sought the foundry, and for the first time in more than twenty years stood face to face with his first son. The meeting was a matter of fact one. The father was rejoiced to find his son, and the son to know that his father lived. By comparing notes the relationship was established and then the soldier heard the other side of the story.

#### "BOTH ALIVE AND IN ATLANTA.

"When the war closed Mrs. Jones was in Atlanta. Of all the letters her soldier husband had written, none had been received, and when the





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end of the war came and he came not she mourned him as dead. In her case as in his grief had its end, and soon after the war she married a United States soldier in Atlanta, and when her husband received orders to change his camp she went with him. A few years ago her husband died at Fort Hamilton Ohio, and then the wife, doubly widowed, came back to Atlanta where her children's home was, and here she was living when her first and legal husband reached the City. In fact here she was when Mr. Jones was here with his Alabama wife a short time previous to her death. From his son's side Mr. Jones visited his wife, who now lives in the western part of Atlanta, but as yet there has been no reunion between them. Of the children three are living, the eldest is a young gentleman of family. His conduct is most exemplary and by a close attention to his duties he has won the respect and esteem of all. The second is a young lady of intelligence and the third is now on the Mississippi River. Mr. Jones himself may be found at Morgan's on Whitehall street.\*

The above is the end of the newspaper article in the THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION of February 28, 1883.

Not long after the above article was written, Grandfather Emanuel Jones left Atlanta. His eldest son, Benjamin Franklin Jones received notice from the authorities in Saint Louis, Missouri that Mr Jones had died in a Hotel in Saint Louis.

Grandmother Emily Reynolds was the youngest member of a large family, she being the only girl. Her father and mother died when all of these children were quite young. As there were no, or not enough, close relatives to distribute these children among, they were divided and sent to live with families not related to them. Grandmother was sent to live with Wade Hampton, a Confederate General, at a young age.





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Grandmother Emily Reynolds lived at the Hampton home until she ran away from the Hampton home in Columbia, South Carolina, to marry our grandfather Emanuel Jones. It is said that the Hampton house where she stayed later burned, leaving only the columns standing.

Grandmother Emily Reynolds, as said, had a number of brothers, the exact number being unknown by me at this time, but the names of the four brothers known to me are set down as follows:

1. Hezekiah Rawlinson
2. Silas Rawlinson
3. James Rawlinson
4. Benjamin Rawlinson

I will write you later relative to these brothers and possibly other or others now unknown to me, and their sister and our Grandmother Reynolds as related to them.

Until I write you all again,

Lovingly, your sister, Mabel

*Mabel N. Jones*  
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EMILY POLLY RAWLINSON JONES REYNOLDS









990 Oriole Drive, S. W.  
Atlanta, 11, Georgia  
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Dear Alice,  
Carl, and Carl, Jr., King,

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For the purpose of recording our family history, I wish to set down in this letter information relative to our maternal grandmother, MARIA MAGDALENA FELKER MUFF DOHLKER KONTZ. Grandmother Kontz, just mentioned, was born in the city of Weimar, Saxe-Weimar-en-Eisenach, in the country of Germany, the twenty-fourth day of September of the year of eighteen twenty-four (9-24-1824). Her father's surname was FELKER but his given name is not positively known, however I believe that his given name was WILHELM. He, great grandfather FELKER, was a leather tanner by trade. Her mother's maiden name and given name are not known but her maiden name may have been TRABERT, provided that Grandmother Kontz's stepmother's maiden name was not TRABERT; it is definitely known that TRABERT was the maiden name of one or the other, the mother or the stepmother. Grandmother Kontz had one brother and several sisters, the brother having died when he was quite young. Her mother died when she, Grandmother Kontz, was about ten years old. Her father, Mr. Felker, then married a lady whose name is not known by me but her maiden name may have been TRABERT (See my explanation above); to this, her father and stepmother, marriage several children were born. Grandmother Kontz, as a child, attended probably a Lutheran Church school where she was taught by an Uncle whose name is known to me as HERR STUMPH; I do not know whether Herr Stumph was Grandmother Kontz's Mother's brother or her father's brother-in-law. Grandmother Kontz said that one of her half sisters immigrated from their home in Weimar, Germany to New York City where she, having red hair, married a gentleman with red hair, subsequently having several children with red hair; Grandmother Kontz's stepmother also had red hair.

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My Grandmother Kontz often related a story of a periodic ritual of the Roman Church up to the top of a local mountain in a procession of penance doers with peas in their shoes and chanting the rhythmic, prayerful appeal to the virgin Mary, interrupted by the Priest's horn as it tooted out the continued rhythm of the procession's prayers as they stopped to catch their breathing. This story has led me to believe that Grandmother Kontz lived with her parents and others at a point very near a mountain which by the map is situated some seven miles from the center of the city of Weimar, Germany and being 1568 feet altitude, and named Eppers Berg.

My Grandmother Kontz related also something of the social customs. Roman Church people and the Jews were not allowed in Weimar except only after sunrise, throughout the lighted day, and until sunset. She related that occasionally a Jewish man would come to their home and ask for a piece of bread; when the loaf was brought before him with the knife ready to cut the bread, the Jew would interrupt to say, "- but let me cut it with mine knife", the bread became Kosher that was cut with his knife.

As stated above that Grandmother Kontz's father was a leather tanner by trade, I wish to emphasize that he had his own leather business and was not employed by another.

During her later years at home in Weimar, Germany, our Grandmother Kontz became ill; her doctor diagnosed the illness as tuberculosis and prescribed that she take an ocean voyage. She had an aunt, her father's sister, who lived in the United States of America, in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, and known by name, Mrs. MARIA FELKER TRABERT. Mrs. TRABERT was born in the year of 1799 (seventeen





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ninety-nine), in the country of Germany and died in the United States of America, in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, in the year of 1887 (eighteen eighty-seven) and was buried in Oakland Cemetery of that city on lot number 289 (Two Eighty-nine). Our Grandmother Kontz came to the decision that she would take the ocean voyage and at the same time visit her Aunt Maria Felker Trabert in Atlanta, Georgia. When she made this voyage she told me that she was thirty years old, probably sometime from August to October. I remember that she talked more about the German port of Hamburg; it is my belief that she must have taken the boat from this port to a port in the United States, probably to the harbor of New York City or of Baltimore, Maryland. She brought with her an oval top trunk, usually used by travelers of those times; this trunk is still in existence and is stored at my brother Paul's place of business at Guardian Chemical Company, 708 Jefferson Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia. This old trunk is lined with newspapers in the German language. I have heard my Grandmother say many times that she came across the Atlantic Ocean in a sailboat; the sea was rough and the trip on the boat was generally horrible to her as she was not in very good health at that time, and that, as she said, "The trip took forty days and forty nights". After arriving at the harbor in the United States, she immediately took a train for Atlanta, Georgia. On the way to Atlanta, the most impressive sight along the way was her first time to see members of the negro race, several very black negro women beating soiled clothing as a laundry process and smoking corn cob pipes of tobacco. After arriving in Atlanta she said that at night the slaves could be heard screaming from the beatings given them by their masters.





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When Grandmother Felker arrived in Atlanta she visited the home of Ernst Christian Kontz and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Trabert Kontz, where also lived Mrs. Maria Felker Trabert, the Aunt whom Grandmother came to the United States to visit.

MRS. MARIA FELKER TRABERT probably came to this country from Germany with her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Trabert Kontz, after her husband, Mr. Trabert (His given name is not known by me.) died in Germany. The exact date she and her daughter arrived in the United States is not known by me; their home was probably in Weimar, Germany when they left Germany on the journey to the United States. Her daughter was born in the 1820's (eighteen twenties) and probably was married after arriving in the United States; a newspaper article appearing in THE CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia, Sunday January 24th, 1937, states in part, ". . . Christian and Elizabeth Trabert Kontz . . . settled in Atlanta in 1848."

Before proceeding with the history of our Grandmother, I wish to set down some facts of the marriage and children of ERNST CHRISTIAN KONTZ and MARY ELIZABETH TRABERT KONTZ; eight children were born to this marriage: Emelie, Anton Louis, Wellborn Bray, Ernest Charles, and four who died in infancy, known only to me as: George, Henry, Henrietta, and Louis. Excepting those children who died in infancy, a description of each of the children is to follow:

1. Emelie Kontz was born in 1847 (eighteen forty-seven) and died in the year of 1883 (eighteen eighty-three). She was married to Gerhard Wilhelm Bollmann who was born in 1843 (eighteen-forty-three) and died in the year of 1903 (nineteen three); I do not know the date of this marriage. There were born to this couple only two children to my knowledge:





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Katie and Emelie, both of whom died in infancy.

2. Anton Louis Kontz was born in 1851 (eighteen fifty-one) and died in the year of 1907 (nineteen seven). He was never married. Here I will copy a newspaper article about him which appeared in THE CONSTITUTION, Page five K, Sunday, January 24, 1937, Atlanta, Georgia, by Lamar Q. Ball, and said article is copied in full as follows:

"MONUMENT OF SERVICE LEFT CITY IN LONG LIFE OF ANTON

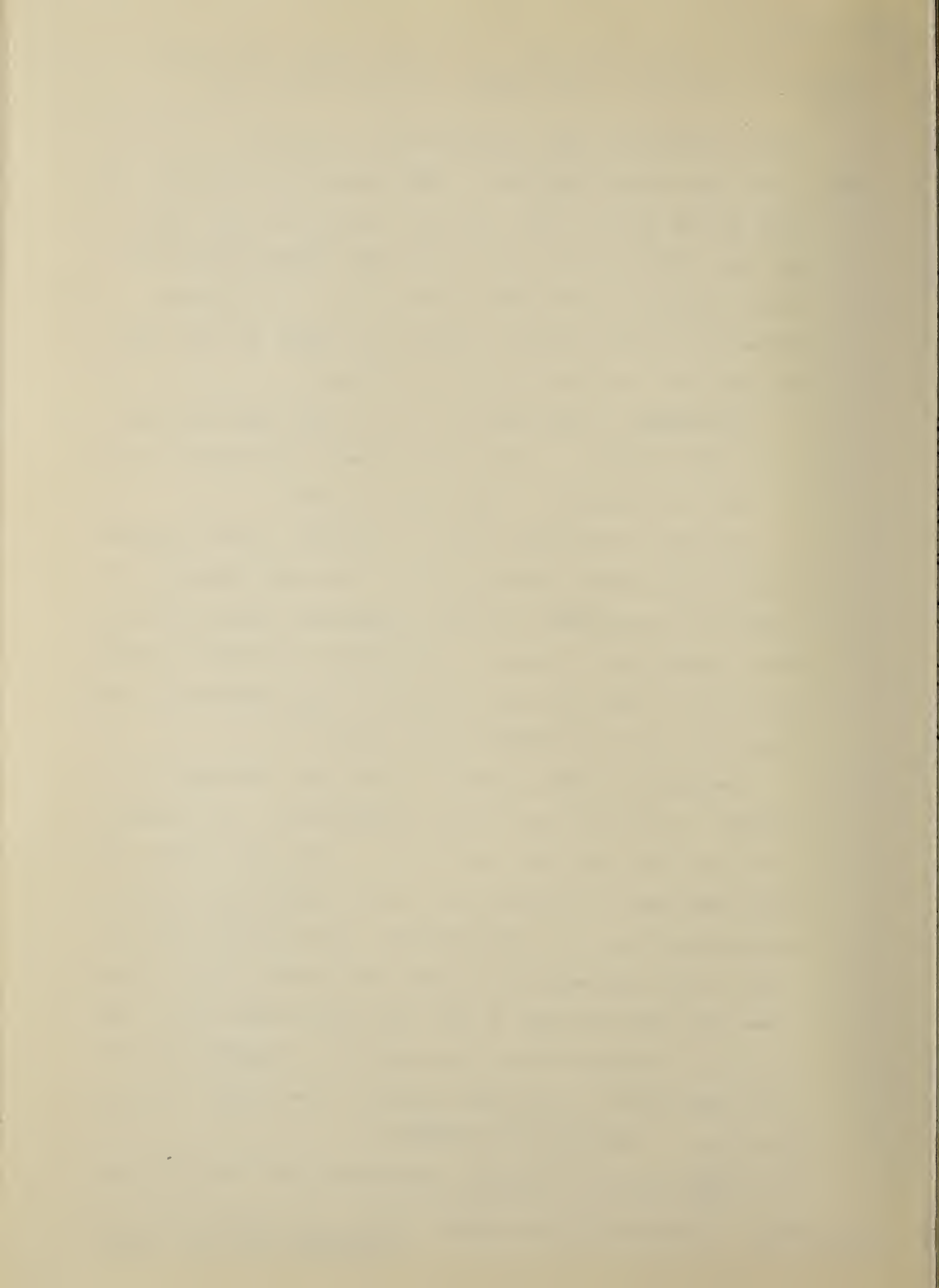
LOUIS KONTZ - Task of Development of Present Atlanta Was in Part His. - By Lamar Q. Ball.

Modern cities boast of their skylines. Blunt fingers of steel and stone thrust into the clouds are offered, triumphantly, as evidence of those rugged and durable qualities that enabled men to conquer a wilderness. Always the implication is: "Look at those buildings! Once there was nothing there but trees that bowed in the wind."

Welded into those masses of steel and stone are the efforts of body and mind, the disappointments and triumphs, the loves and hopes and sacrifices of those who toiled long hours and days and months and years to build this monument to unflagging labor and accomplishment. Men live and die but those among them who were workers and builders leave behind them their contribution to the immensity of the scene. It may be a building or it may be qualities of character that they have passed on to those who toil after them. It may be both. BUILDING ON BIRTHRIGHT.

Last week, on Thursday, Atlanta applied itself to the





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endless task of building on the birthdate, 86 years before, of one of those who was born here, grew here and applied himself vigorously throughout a life that ended 30 years ago, to the development of a heart and character in the city whose infancy he shared and with whom he advanced into rugged maturity.

The man was Anton Louis Kontz, born January 21, 1851, just six years after this city was christened with the name that is hailed through the world as a synonym of aggressive accomplishment.

The 56 years of life that Anton Louis Kontz lived in Atlanta are his monument. He left behind him better schools to train the minds of those who were to continue his tasks when death interrupted him on November 26, 1907. He left behind a healthier public attitude toward self-government; improved sources of drinking water for a growing city and, most important, an example of sacrificial loyalty to the city he served.

Anton Louis Kontz was a brother of Judge Ernest C. Kontz, distinguished member of the Georgia bar, whose life has also been dedicated to public service. They were sons of Christian and Elizabeth Trabert Kontz, who settled in Atlanta in 1848.

#### PIONEER SCHOOLBOY

Anton was a pioneer Atlanta Schoolboy, having been among the first to attend the schools that were established for the education of the juvenile population of the then young city. Later in his life he was a member of the board of education, serving with such men as Governor Joseph E. Brown, Dr. Abner

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Calhoun, Captain James W. English, D. A. Beatie, Colonel Robert J. Lowry, and his old teacher, Wellborn Bray, who with A. N. Wilson, had been among Atlanta's first educators. In those days, the city council appointed the members of the school board, inducing to serve thereby, many distinguished citizens who would not have offered themselves as candidates in a general election.

Christian Kontz had built a large, three-story brick house at 82 Marietta Street, the spot where the Atlanta Georgian now stands. The Kontz family was living there when General Sherman arrived in Atlanta, after the enforced removal of the women, children and aged men of the city. Anton Kontz had just entered that distinguished period of a child's life when he boasts to his companions that he is now in his 'teens.

That year Anton had his first taste of bitter tragedy.

Sherman's forces were shelling the city. Anton, with his dog and cart, was out in Marietta Street near his home, picking up lead which might be used by the Confederates.

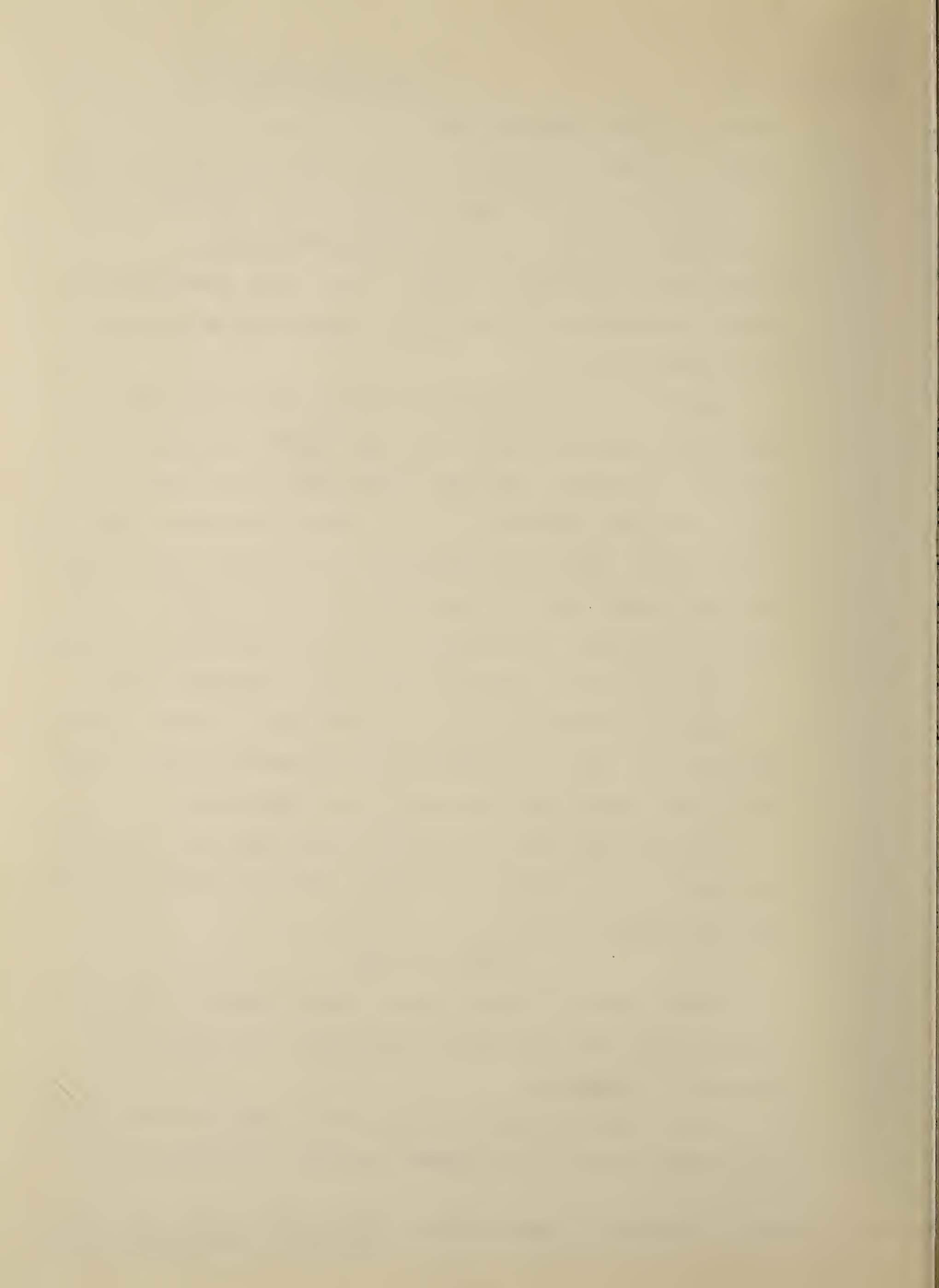
He heard the whine of a shell through the air, a roaring blast and he was covered with flying dirt and smoke. The shell had burst immediately in front of him.

#### DOG IS KILLED

As the cloud of smoke cleared, Anton viewed on the ground before him the lifeless remains of his dog, his inseparable companion.

Anton tried to revive the dog, but in spite of his grief, the nervous shock of this sudden disaster and the fact that

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a throbbing chest and a reddening shirt front told him that he himself had been wounded, his young mind understood the brutality of war, the finality of death.

He lifted the animal into the wagon and trudged home, crying in his grief but oblivious of the pain from the wound in his chest.

Dr. Dalvigny, a French surgeon, met the boy as he was about to enter his home. He saw the blood and opened Anton's shirt and there on the sidewalk probed the wound and dug out some unexploded powder. From his satchel he brought tape and bound the wound. Anton thanked the doctor and moved on with his dog in quest of a burial plot.

A few nights later, when federal shells again screamed over the city in the darkness, Anton's terrified mother snatched him from his bed and clutched him in her arms as explosions blasted the neighborhood. A few seconds later a 24-pound shell tore through the roof and buried itself in the covers of the bed from which Anton had just been lifted.

#### SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION

Not long after, Sherman and his soldiers moved into the city. The women and children and the aged had been shipped from Atlanta but Mrs. Maria Trabert, the mother of Mrs. Christian Kontz, refused to leave.

"I have gone through Napoleon's wars and I shall go through this one," she announced.

In later years, she told of how a squad of Sherman's soldiers, while the city was being burned, came to the Kontz





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home and said:

"We are ordered to burn this house and you will please vacate at once."

She replied:

"You are soldiers and you will obey orders, but I will not leave."

They left and did not return. The house was saved.

During the military occupation of the south after the war, the federal government occupied the Kontz home during the reconstruction and it served as headquarters of Generals Pope, Meade and Terry.

The Kontz home became the capitol of the southeast, the government it housed controlling affairs in Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

The Kontz family were intimate friends of Alexander H. Stephens, and at his suggestion Anton was sent to the Pen Lucy Institute of Baltimore, a school conducted by Richard Malcolm Johnston. Edward Peters and Colquitt Carter were students at this school at that time.

#### EDUCATION ABANDONED

Family fortunes after the war compelled the abandonment of Anton's education when he returned from Colonel Johnston's school. Anton found himself unable to study law. He entered the services of the Pullman Company and soon became superintendent of the Atlanta district.

It was while he was engaged in this work that he served on the board of education. The schools were his chief interest





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in life and he toiled seriously at this task of improving facilities for the education of Atlanta's young generations. He was elected councilman from the fifth ward, which embraced the business section of Atlanta and it was while in this post that he led the fight for the removal of Atlanta's waterworks from Lakewood, that supply having been found inadequate and unwholesome. His battle was won with the construction of the new plant.

Later, he became clerk of the county commission and, under his direction, for the first time in the City's history public information as to the financial operations of the county and its various departments was made conveniently available to any inquiring citizen.

#### EXPOSITION TREASURER.

When the Cotton States and International Exposition was undertaken in Atlanta, Anton Kontz was appointed treasurer. Through the life of this fair he handled millions of dollars. He toiled at his job of handling the cash from the early morning hours when the fair grounds opened until after midnight, when all collections for the day were in hand and accounted for.

His salary for this work was \$50 a month, out of which he paid his own hack fare to and from the grounds, and all other necessary expenses that he incurred in the work.

When the gate receipts, which were life-blood of the fair, were attached by a local creditor, Samuel Inman, the president, informed the directors that \$200,000 was needed immediately

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to protect the good name of Atlanta. He, himself, pledged \$50,000 as his personal contribution and he asked the others to subscribe the balance. Anton Kontz subscribed \$2,000, more than three times the treasurer's annual salary.

Mr. Kontz was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of the local Central Lodge, and several times a delegate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of America. He was grand master of the grand lodge of Georgia and throughout his life lived up to the high principles of the order.

Just a few months before Clark Howell, president and editor of The Constitution, died last year, he said of Anton Kontz:

"No finer man ever lived in Georgia."

Dr. H. V. M. Miller, United States senator from Georgia, and Anton Kontz were Governor Stephens' only guests at the sesquicentennial at Savannah in 1882, and were probably the Governor's most intimate friends while at the mansion.

Richard Malcolm Johnston, whose school Anton Kontz had attended in Baltimore, and who wrote a biography of Governor Stephens, inscribed on the fly-leaf of a volume that he gave to Anton Kontz; as a dedication to his former pupil:

"Always loved, always trusted by both the subject of this biography and the author."

There was much more to the life of Anton Kontz, but those are just a few of the qualities in his contribution to the solidity of the Atlanta of today, where he was born 86 years ago.





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He is but one of those whose character and unceasing devotion to the city that was always his home has stabilized the foundation of a growing metropolis."

This is the end of the newspaper article featuring Anton Louis Kontz in the January 24th, 1937 issue of the Atlanta, Georgia newspaper, THE CONSTITUTION.

3. Wellborn Bray Kontz was born in the year of 1857 (eighteen fifty-seven) and died in the year of 1879 (eighteen seventy-nine).
4. Ernest Charles Kontz was born in the year 1865 (eighteen-sixty-five), on the 11th day of September, and died on the 17th day of April, 1945 (nineteen forty-five). He was married to Elizabeth Thornton Kontz who was 89 years old when she died Saturday, August 26th, 1961 (nineteen sixty-one). There were probably only two children born in this marriage: There were probably only three children, named as follows:

- (1) John T. Kontz, Atlanta, Georgia
- (2) Ernest C. Kontz, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia
- (3) Mrs. William D. Hooper, Birmingham, Michigan

Dates and names of the Kontz family as appear above are taken almost entirely from newspaper articles and from the Kontz family cemetery lot located: Lot Number 289 (two hundred eighty-nine) as purchased by Christian Kontz on the 16th day of July, 1869 (eighteen sixty-nine), as recorded in the cemetery office. I only gave this account of the Kontz family for the reason that our Grandmother Kontz's original visit to this country from Germany was to visit a particular member of this family (Kontz), her Aunt





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Maria Felker Trabert, who was her father's sister; and that a number of her first years in this country were lived in and out of the Kontz home. The Kontz home was located on land lot later occupied by the Atlanta Georgian and Sunday American Building at 82 Marietta Street, and as of now occupied by the A. G. Rhodes Building at 78 Marietta Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

Grandmother Kontz had not lived in Atlanta but a short time when she met and married a gentleman known to me only as Mr. Muff. She arrived in Atlanta from Germany in either the year of 1854 or of the year 1855 and probably married Mr. Muff in the year of 1857. To this marriage one child, a girl named Amelia, was born, probably in the year of 1858. Then probably in the same year of 1858, Mr. Muff died; the place of his burial is not known by me presently.

Grandmother Kontz married for the second time probably in the year of 1859 to our Grandfather Dohlker, his name might have been spelled Dolker, however I have always assumed the spelling to be Dohlker. They were probably married here in Atlanta. Two children were born to this marriage; our Uncle Anton Louis Dohlker and our mother, Bertha Caroline Dohlker. Our mother, Bertha Caroline was born on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen sixty (6-30-1860), and Uncle Anton Louis was born on the tenth day of August, eighteen sixty-one (8-10-1861). The location of the home where our mother and our Uncle were born is not known to me.

Soon after the beginning of the War Between the States, probably in the summer of 1861, our Grandfather Dohlker told Grandmother Kontz that he was leaving home to join the Confederate Army; he was never heard from again, either by word or letter. Grandmother Kontz did





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receive a message, probably verbal, that Grandfather Dohlker had been killed in Charleston, South Carolina. I know none of the circumstances surrounding his death, whether it occurred during or immediately following the end of the war. To my knowledge no member of the family has ever searched the Charleston area for any evidence of his having been buried in that vicinity or other evidence indicating his having been killed.

After Mr. Dohlker had gone into the army, Grandmother Kontz and her three young children, Aunt Amelia, our mother, and Uncle Anton, went to live in the home of Ernst Christian Kontz, his wife, Mary Elizabeth Trabert Kontz, their children, and Mary Kontz's mother, Maria Felker Trabert, located where now stands the A. G. Rhodes Building. She and her children lived at the Kontz home for the entire duration of the war. When the women and children and infirm were evacuated from Atlanta to Marietta, Georgia, to escape the invading Union Army, Grandmother Kontz, her Aunt Maria Felker Trabert, and her three children, Amelia, Anton, and our mother refused to heed the opportunity to leave Atlanta, choosing to remain in the Kontz home throughout the remainder of the war; the Kontz home was not burned during the war when many other buildings were burned by the Union Army.

Grandmother Kontz continued to live in the Kontz home and with the Kontz family for probably until the year of 1872; in that year of 1872, she married for the third time to a gentlemen by the name of Henry Kontz who was a brother of Ernst Christian Kontz, who I have already mentioned in this letter. Henry Kontz was once previously married to a lady whom I do not recall her given or maiden name.





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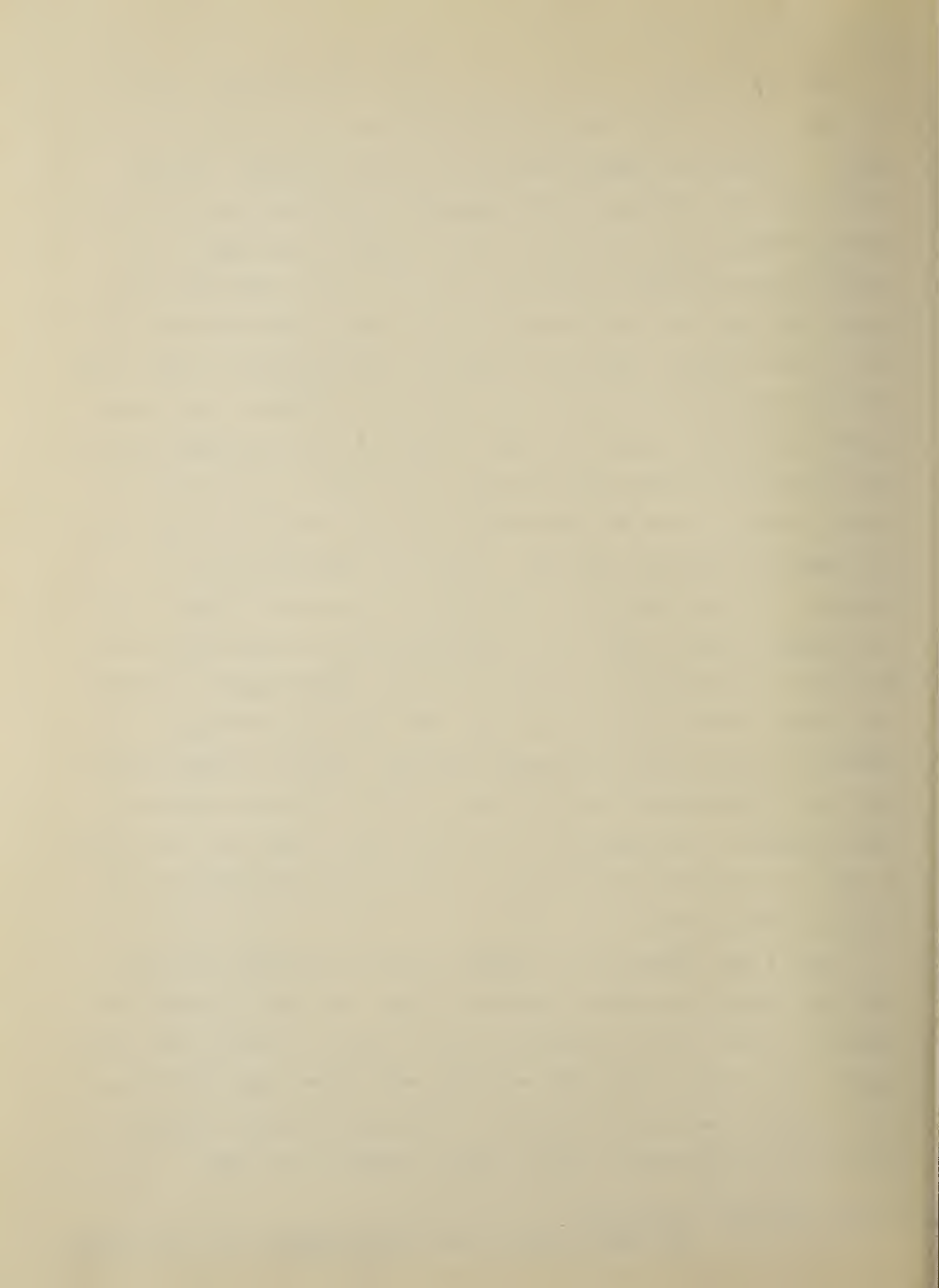
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Henry Kontz lived with his first wife and only child, Henry Kontz, Jr., at their home, 139 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Georgia, during the war. During a local engagement of the war, she was shot through both of her legs as she sat in a chair in her home. As a result of these wounds she was confined to a wheel chair for the short time until her death which occurred immediately following the war. I can remember the bullet holes through the doors of this home, where I lived with my parents and brothers and sisters - and Grandmother Kontz years later, the same bullet holes through which passed the bullets that fatally injured Mrs. Henry Kontz. I can still remember the chair which was mounted on wheels in which Mrs. Kontz spent the remaining years of her life. Their son, Henry Kontz, Jr., I believe to be so, died when he was about twelve years of age. This boy probably died in the year of 1862, for in this same year of 1862, Mr. Henry Kontz bought Lot Number 42 (Section SWC-2 Map 8), probably as a final resting place for his son. We recently investigated the records of the cemetery of Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia, where this lot is located and did not find on the record sheet shown us by the custodian of the cemetery office that Henry Kontz, Jr. was buried on this lot, however the cemetery records of persons buried on this lot 42 is not correct.

Here I will present the cemetery record as obtained from the official records of Oakland Cemetery office. On the lot number one grave is located in the northeast corner, thence southerly lay graves numbers two, three, four, five and six, with grave number six being located in the southeast corner of the lot; grave number eight is located in the northwest corner, thence southerly lay graves

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numbers nine, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen, with grave number thirteen being located in the southwest corner of the lot number forty-two. The cemetery records indicate the disposition of each grave, by the above grave numbers, as follows:

Grave number one: "Infant of B. F. Jones" & "5 Da. 5-2-04"

Grave number two: [Implied that someone is buried here]

Grave number three: "Vacant"

Grave number four: "Vacant"

Grave number five: [Implied that someone is buried here]

Grave number six: [Implied that someone is buried here]

Grave number eight: "Louis B. Jones 64 6-21-53"

Grave number nine: "Bertha C. Jones 57 6-9-18"

Grave number ten: "Lena Kontz 83 1-26-07"

Grave number eleven: "Mrs. H. Kontz"

Grave number twelve: "Henry Kontz"

Grave number thirteen: "B. F. Jones 69 7-25-26"

I will here show the correct disposition of each of the above numbered grave spaces, as officially numbered, with my full explanation for each grave space as follows:

Grave number one: The official record is correct.

Grave number two: Thomas Olin Harris is buried in this grave.

He was born July 5th, 1913 and died June

10th, 1915. He was the son of Bertha

Carolena, my sister, and Henry Olin Harris.

Grave number three: The official record is correct.

Grave number four: The official record is correct.

Grave number five and grave number six: During the decade of the





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1860's (eighteen sixties) Atlanta experienced a small pox epidemic. The father and mother of a large family of children became stricken and died of the disease, and as the family did not have a place for burial, Henry Kontz directed that this father and mother be buried on his lot in grave spaces five and six (It is known not the order of burial in these two graves); their name was Baker, known to the neighborhood as the Monkey Bakers because they had a monkey pet in the household. They were not related either to Henry Kontz or our family. The children were subsequently divided among families about the city of Atlanta for keeping.

Grave number eight: The official record is correct, our brother Louis Benjamin Jones is buried here.

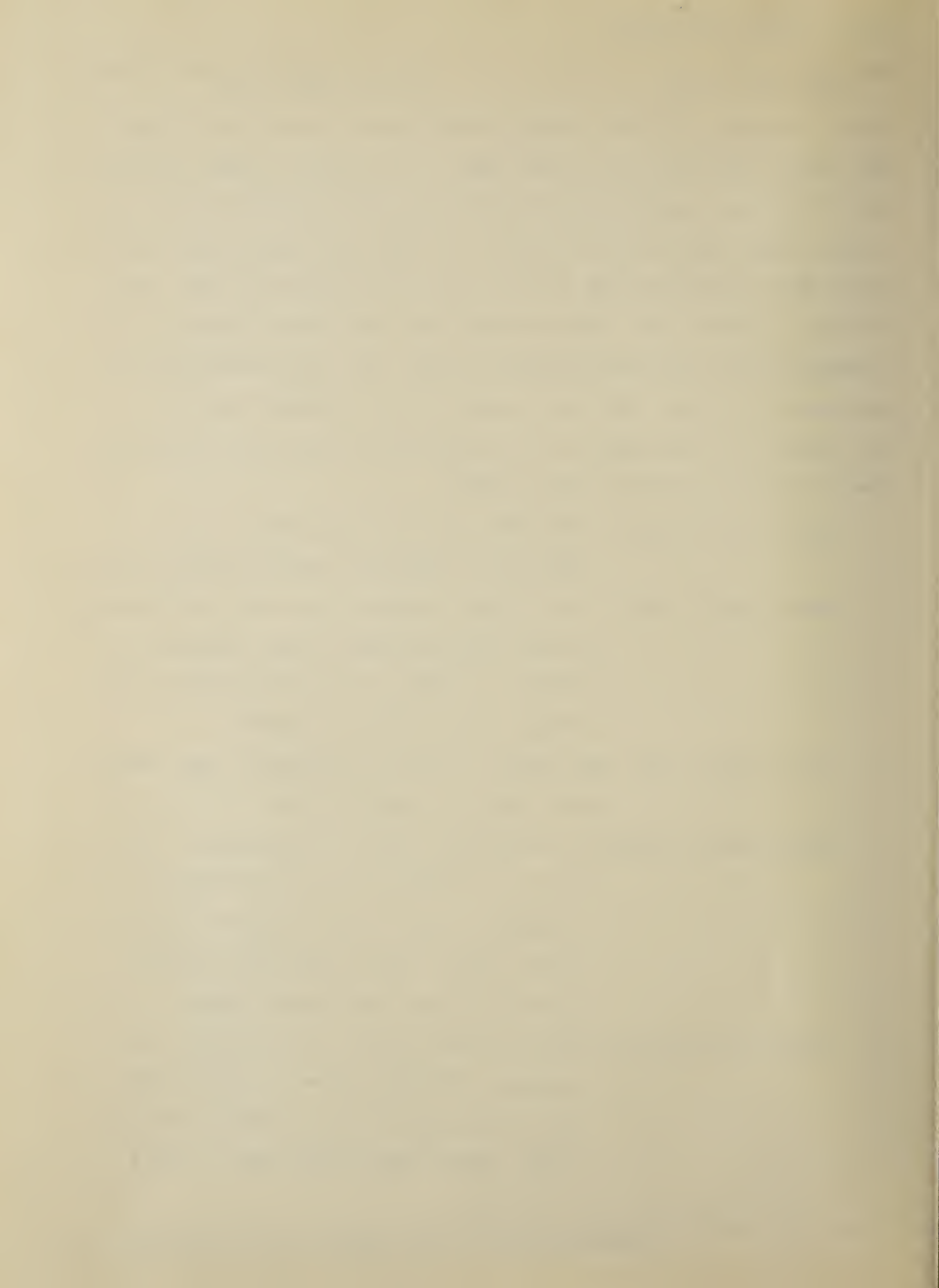
Grave number nine: The official record is correct. Our mother, Bertha Carolena Delkin (name changed from Dohlker to Delkin by our Uncle Anton Louis Delkin) Jones, is buried here.

Grave number ten: The official record is correct. Our Grandmother Kontz is buried here.

Grave number eleven: The official record is incorrect. The person officially shown as having been buried on grave number twelve is buried here: He is Henry Kontz, Sr., third husband of our Grandmother Kontz.

Grave number twelve: The official record is incorrect. The person officially shown as having been buried on grave number eleven is buried here: She is the first wife of Henry











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consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, to them in hand paid, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and do, by these presents, grant, bargain, sell, and convey, unto the said Henry Kontz his heirs and assigns, a burial Lot in the City Cemetery, known as ( No. 42) forty Two in the survey made by H. L. CURRIER, City Surveyor, on the 20th day of July, 1857; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Lot, unto him the said Henry Kontz his heirs and assigns for the purpose of sepulture forever, in fee simple. And the said Mayor and Council of the City of Atlanta, for themselves, and for their successors in office, the said Lot unto the said Henry Kontz will warrant and forever defend the right and title thereof against themselves and against all other persons whatever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Corporate Seal is here-  
unto affixed.

(Signed) James M. Calhoun Mayor.

Attest: H. C. Holcombe Clerk.

B. D. Smith JP

City Council  
(R. R.  
Locomotive)  
Seal  
Atlanta, Ga. "

In the text of the above deed, all blanks filled in or not filled in in long hand are underlined. On the back of this deed is the court's recording note: "GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY

CLERKS OFFICE, SUPERIOR COURT

Filed for Record this the 14 day

of Dec. 1891 at 11 o'clock, A M.

AND Recorded in BOOK D4 PAGE 328

this 23 day of Dec. 1891 G. H. Tanner, Clerk"

Mabel N. Jones  
(Signature: Mabel N. Jones)





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This is the end of my commentary on grave lot number forty-two in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia.

I neglected to mention earlier in this letter that our Grandfather Dohlker immigrated to this country from Berlin, Germany. He had a married sister who lived in New Orleans, Louisiana and about whom I know nothing except that my Grandmother Kontz gave me a tin-type picture of a lady and her little daughter and told me that the lady in the picture was Grandfather Dohlker's sister and the little girl in the picture with her was her little daughter.

When Grandmother Kontz married Mr. Henry Kontz, they made their home at Mr. Henry Kontz's house at 139 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Georgia. They, as I said before, were married in 1872; our mother was about twelve years old at this time; Uncle Anton was about eleven, and Aunt Amelia Muff was about fifteen or sixteen years of age. These five people composed the family. Mr. Henry Kontz was ill and in bad health generally for the most part of this marriage and he died in about the year of 1875 or 1876. I have already explained that he was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. He left his Last Will and Testament, all of his property was left to his widow and at her death, it directed that the remaining property was to be divided equally among the three surviving children: Aunt Amelia, our mother, and Uncle Anton. Now I will write something of each of these three children:

1. Aunt Amelia Muff married William B. McDuffie; four children were born to this marriage: Dan Anton, William B., Ange,  
HENRY LEO HENRY LEO  
and Leon. Leon died in infancy at the same time of the death of his mother, Aunt Amelia; both died of spinal





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meningitis. I am not familiar with the decendents of Aunt Amelia; I have talked to three of Dan McDuffie's children, asking them to send information relative to that branch of our family, they are: Leonora, Amelia, and Wilmotine. Dan's other children's names are Roderick and Forest. I hope to get dates such as Aunt Amelia's birthday, death, etc. Should I successfully obtain this information, I shall write it up in the form of a letter to you.

2. Our mother, Bertha Carolena Dohlker (Delkin) Jones, was born on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen sixty (6-30-1860). She was born either in the Marietta Street Kontz home or in a house close to the Kontz home in Atlanta, Georgia. She married Benjamin Franklin Jones in Atlanta, Georgia on the second day of November, eighteen hundred eighty-two (11-2-1882). To this marriage ten children were born, only one (a girl) having died in infancy at the age of five days and unnamed, all nine names are correct as follows:

1. John Paul Jones. He was originally named Paul Franklin Jones and is recorded as such in our Family Bible, however he changed his own name probably while he attended high School.
2. Mabel Nina Jones. My original name was Penina Mabel and appears that way in our Family Bible, however I preferred and choose Mabel Nina.
3. Louis Benjamin Jones.





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4. Mary Lena Jones.
5. Bertha Carolena Jones.
6. Rudolph Wagner Jones. His name appears in our family Bible as Rudolph Wagler, however he prefers Rudolph Wagner.
7. Hattie Melissa Jones.
8. Benjamin Franklin Jones.
9. Alice Elizabeth Jones.

I will write you a letter later about our immediate family, our father and mother and their children. Our mother died June 9th, 1918 (the ninth day of June, nineteen hundred eighteen).

3. Our Uncle, Anton Louis Dohlker (Delkin), was born on the tenth day of August, eighteen hundred sixty-one (8-10-1861), probably in the same house where our mother was born. He had the family <sup>name</sup> changed from Dohlker to Delkin; to my knowledge he gave no specific explanation for having done this. Mr. Edward Ladd, who is a cousin of the Delkin Family, has visited me recently with Mrs. Ladd in connection with our family history; he recently wrote the Fulton County, Georgia, Superior Court for a search of the records to establish that the Dohlker name was of record changed to Delkin. The following letter was received by Edward Ladd in response to his inquiry, which letter he handed to me for keeping, and is quoted in full as follows:

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J. W. Simmons  
Clerk

Ivan G. Cochran  
Chief Deputy Clerk

Fulton Superior Court  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Nov. 7, 1961

Mr. E. J. Ladd  
Box 29  
Ft. Payne, Ala.

Dear Mr. Ladd:

We have made a search of our records from 1854 thru 1915 and have been unable to locate on our docket a petition to change name from Dolker to Delkin.

We have however have suits in connection with A. L. Delkin and Hattie M. Ladd.

Our records are open to the public and you will be welcome to check the index and cases pertaining to the above.

Very truly yours,

s/Estelle W. Roberts  
Estelle W. Roberts  
Deputy Clerk  
Fulton Superior Court"

This letter may indicate that our Uncle Anton never actually appeared before the court to have the Dohlker name formally changed to Delkin.

Uncle Anton was six feet and two inches tall (6'-2"), fair, <sup>COMPLEXIONED</sup> ~~complexion~~, blue eyes, brown and curly hair, and really quite handsome, except that his face was pock-marked rather noticeably from an attack of small pox. He was energetic, intelligent, industrious, enterprising, an adventurer, inventive, successful, and of fine character.

Delkin Jones, my nephew, gave me a letter which is self explanatory and which letter I quote in full as follows:





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TO: Alice, Carl, and  
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From: Aunt Mabel N. Jones  
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"1887 M & B 1937  
Maier & Berkele, Inc.  
Golden Jubilee Year  
Atlanta- Savannah

Atlanta, Georgia  
February 24, 1938

Mr. Delkin Jones  
741 Piedmont Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Jones:

I am sending you a bulletin issued by the Atlanta Historical Society which contains the article about your uncle, Mr. Delkin, which you were kind enough to help me compile. The article begins on Page 79.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

s/H A Maier

H. A. Maier

HAM:bs

The article to which Mr. Maier refers in above letter is quoted in excerpts as follows:

"HISTORY OF THE  
JEWELRY INDUSTRY IN ATLANTA

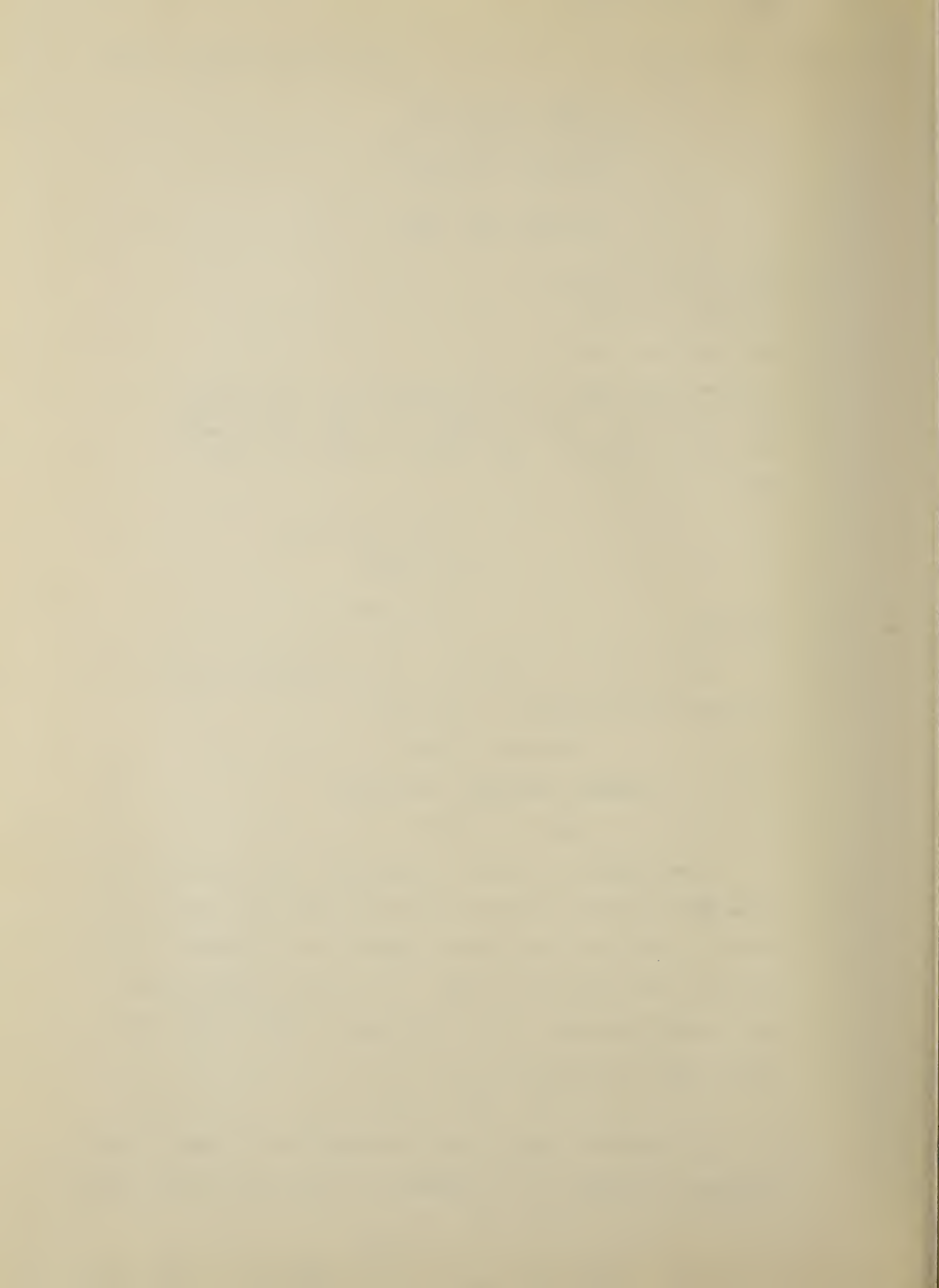
By H. A. Maier

I was born in Atlanta, Georgia on the corner of Alabama and Forsyth Streets on June 2, 1864. My father and mother, John and Mary Berkele Maier, had imigrated to this country from Germany in 1840. My father was an artist, a portrait painter. After marrying in 1849 in New York they came to Atlanta to live.

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In September 1885 I went to work for Williams & Stevens in Macon, Georgia. . . I remained in Macon eighteen months .

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At this time I purchased a half interest in the firm of A. L. Delkin & Company in Atlanta who had a wholesale tool and material business and did repairing and manufacturing for the jewelry trade and for private customers also. It was in March, 1887 that I began my career as a jewelry merchant.

Delkin and I remained together until 1890 when my uncle, Mr. John Berkele, purchased Delkin's interest in the firm and we changed the name to Maier & Berkele. We continued the wholesale tool and material and repairing business, but added a line of jewelry and silverware. I did the traveling for the firm.

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There have been a number of large jewelry stores operated in Atlanta during the time we have been in business but which have been closed and the proprietors all passed away.

Among them were . . . A. L. Delkin at 69 Whitehall Street. . .

There were William and Ben Bollman who were high class honorable Germans. Mr. William Bollman married <sup>MISS</sup> ~~Miss~~ Emilie KONTZ, (the lovely young ~~and~~ sister of Judge Ernst and Anton KONTZ,) two of our leading citizens. Judge KONTZ now lives at Lakemont. Anton KONTZ has been dead for a number of years.

The Bollmans were in business on the west side of Whitehall Street where the viaduct now is. They later moved over on the ~~Lynch & Thornton~~ east side near the stores of Heinz & Berkele and the book store of Lynch & Thornton. When Ben

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Bollman died his brother moved up on Broad Street. William Bollman was one of Atlanta's best citizens. . .

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Mr. S. Solomonson was a watchmaker at about 33 or 35 Whitehall Street, occupying one half of the store. He also carried a stock of jewelry and watches. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner occupied the other half of the store. Mrs. Turner did novelty and other kinds of hair work. Mr. Turner was the brother of Dr. J. D. Turner, president of the Exposition Cotton Mills. Mrs. Turner was a sister of Mrs. A. C. Ladd. Mr. Ladd was a manufacturer of lime, and a father of Mrs. A. L. Delkin.

[Mrs. A. C. Ladd mentioned above was the stepmother of Aunt Hattie Ladd Delkin (wife of Uncle Anton Louis Delkin) and the paternal grandmother of Mr. Edward Ladd of Fort Payne, Alabama.]

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The author has the pictures of a number of jewelers who were in business in 1894. These formed the Atlanta Jewelers Association at that time:

\* \* \*

A. L. Delkin

Wm Bollman

\* \* \*

These pictures were taken at the time we gave our employees a dinner at the Kimball House in 1894.

In addition to this synopsis of the jewelry business as I have known it for fifty years, I am giving a brief





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outline of the career of a few outstanding firms who made important contributions to the growth of the industry in Atlanta.

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#### ANTON LOUIS DELKIN

Anton Louis Delkin was born in Atlanta, Georgia, August 10, 1861. He learned his trade as jeweler, engraver and watchmaker in Atlanta and New Orleans.

It was about 1884 that he and S. Maier established a wholesale tool and material business upstairs on Marietta Street under the name of Maier & Delkin. They also did manufacturing and repairing for the ~~fe~~ jewelers. They remained together about two years when S. Maier sold out his interest and Delkin took Henry G. Kuhrt in as partner. In 1886 Kuhrt sold his interest to Delkin and in 1887 H. A. Maier purchased the half interest ~~to Delkin~~ in the business. In 1890 Mr. John Berkele, an uncle of H. A. Maier, purchased the other half interest and Delkin retired.

Delkin might be called a true adventurer, so varied were his interests and means of livelihood. In addition to his jewelry business he had for several months been a partner with F. E. Ladd in the lightning rod business. Upon selling his share in the fewelry firm, however, he went into the real estate business with Girardeau under the name of Delkin & Girardeau. After a year or two he gave this up and opened another jewelry store at 69 Whitehall Street with Jesse Clyde Carlton as a partner. When he closed this store he

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took charge of his father-in-law's lime business, operating it for about a year.

His brother-in-law, F. E. Ladd, states that Delkin was at one time foreman of J. P. Stevens' watch factory in Atlanta.

About 1898 or 1899 he met his wife's uncle, Jim Ladd, who persuaded Delkin to take a trip west with him. In Seattle they heard of the rich gold strike which had been in Nome, Alaska and decided to be among the first to reach this frozen port the following spring. Returning to Atlanta Delkin gathered together such odds and ends as were left over from the sale of the jewelry business and returned to Seattle. There they bought forty head of horses and sailed for Nome.

Delkin soon tired of the trucking and dairy business and established himself in the jewelry business. He returned to Atlanta late in the fall, but continued to conduct his jewelry business in Nome throughout the summers of 1901 and 1902 and 1903. He stayed in Atlanta two years and he and Ladd owned and operated the Southern Cash Register Company; also offered for sale stock in his Alaska gold claim.

Finally, however, he was lured back to the Arctic. That fall, instead of returning to Atlanta he sent for his wife and children and he and his family spent the winter and following summer in Nome. On October 22, 1907 they left Alaska for good. The family settled in Pasadena while Delkin went on to Atlanta to help settle the estate of his

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mother [our Grandmother Kontz] who had recently died and to look after property which he owned there.

Upon his return to California he remained in Pasadena until 1909 when he opened a nut business in Seattle. In the summer of 1922 he settled in Las Vegas, Nevada, opening a jewelry store on Fremont Street where he remained until his death, December 12, 1926. All the stores in Las Vegas were closed for his funeral.

His wife continued the business, erecting a modern building, part of which she occupied for the jewelry store. She finally sold the firm and made a trip to Europe for her health. She died April 10, 1933. The jewelry business which Delkin established, however, is still being operated in the same location by Mrs. Delkin's successors.

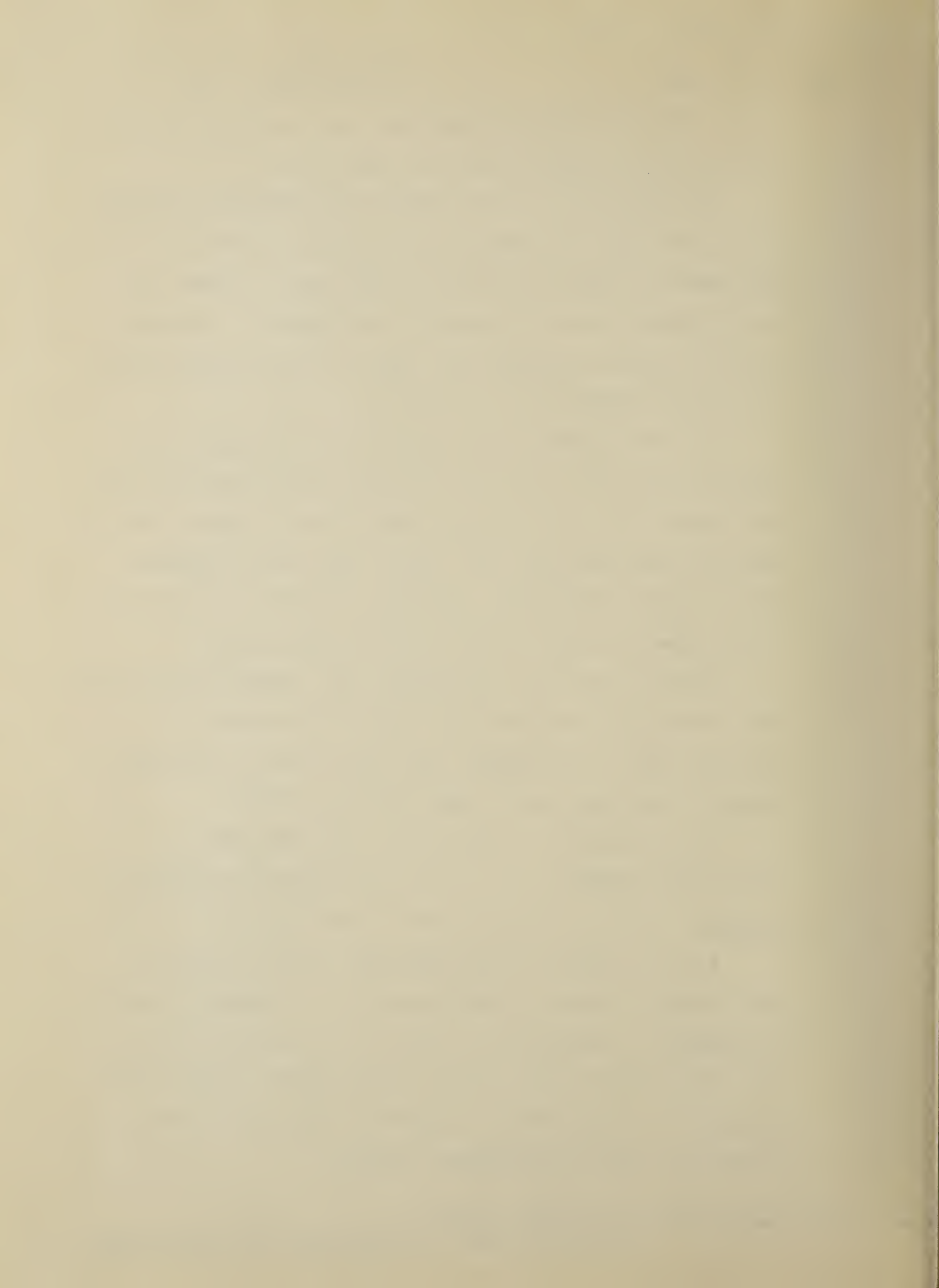
Though a traveler and pioneer, Mr. Delkin loved Georgia, and intended to spend his last days on his farm in the northern part of the state. He took an active interest in Masonry, the Elks, and in the Baptist Church."

This concludes the quotations from THE ATLANTA HISTORICAL BULLETIN, published by the Atlanta Historical Society, No. 12, December, 1937, Volume III.

A letter written to an Atlanta, Georgia newspaper, THE CONSTITUTION and dated September 14 appeared in this newspaper on the approximate date of October 2, 1903 as a news item from the son of Uncle Anton Delkin, Anton Louis Delkin, Jr. This letter is quoted in full as follows, along with the full newspaper comment:

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"ATLANTA BOY WRITES ABOUT BIGGEST ALASKA NUGGET"

From Nome, Alaska, has come a letter to The Constitution from Anton L. Delkin, Jr., a well known young Atlanta boy, who is spending his summer vacation with his father A. L. Delkin, the latter having been in Alaska for several years.

With the letter young Delkin sent a photograph of the largest gold nugget ever found in Alaska. Its weight is 182 ounces and its value is \$3,276.

The letter is dated on September 14 at Nome and Says:

'I am spending a summer vacation in Alaska with my father.

We have had very fair weather this year and the large companies are taking out a lot of gold.

I inclose a picture of the largest gold nugget ever found in Alaska, weight 182 ounces, value \$3,276, found by a workman of the Pioneer Mining Company, September 8, 1903.

You may use it if you think it would interest your readers. Yours truly, ANTON L. DELKINS, JR.

P. S. We get a lot of fruit from California, paying \$1 to \$3 each for small watermelons.'

The photograph sent by young Delkin shows a splendid nugget. The photograph represents the actual size of the piece of gold. The picture presented herewith is reduced one-third.

Mr. Delkin, the father of the boy who remembered The Constitution during his travels, was formerly a well known jeweler of Atlanta. When the news of the gold finds of





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Alaska reached Georgia the fever seized him and he has since spent a considerable portion of his time in the north, where he has been very successful.

The friends of both the father and son will be pleased to hear from them through The Constitution."

Uncle Anton was a member of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., a Masonic Lodge. I have a small card which was the property of our Uncle on which is written the following:

"A. L. Delkin

Seattle, Washn.

R. P. Seattle No. 1 Q. A.

Lorraine Chapter No. 6, O. E. S.

Lawson Consistory No. 1, Seattle

Coeur De Leon Com. Atlanta, Ga."

Uncle Anton married Hattie Melissa Ladd on Wednesday, the tenth day of June, eighteen eighty-five (6-10-1885). I left Atlanta on June 3rd, 1910 for Seattle, Washington where I helped Uncle and Aunt Hattie celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Soon after their marriage in Atlanta, Georgia, Uncle and Aunt Hattie joined the First Baptist Church; Uncle was christened as an infant in the Methodist Church. Their six children are described as follows:

1. Mary Louise was born June 13, 1887 and died December 11, 1891 of scarlet fever. She was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia on her maternal grandfather's lot; he was Alonzo Chase Ladd.

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2. Anton Louis was born January 6, 1889.
3. Alonzo Chase was born May 6, 1890.
4. Frederick Ladd was born October 22, 1892.
5. James Ladd was born July 13, 1898.
6. Hattie May was born November 26, 1901.

Uncle Anton Delkin died in Las Vegas, Nevada the twelfth day of December, nineteen twenty-seven (12-12-1927) of cancer. His body was cremated and the ashes sent to Atlanta, Georgia for burial. Aunt Hattie came to Atlanta at that time to direct the burial of the ashes which she had placed in an unlocked underground vault on the Ladd lot in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. She directed that the vault be left unlocked so that eventually her remains would be placed in the same vault and locked. The burial was handled through Morris Brandon Funeral Directors.

Only a few years later Aunt Hattie Delkin died in San Diego, California. Her body was cremated and the ashes sent here to Atlanta for burial with those ashes of her husband on the Ladd lot in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. She died of Tuberculosis.

All six children of Uncle Anton and Aunt Hattie were born at 177 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, their home while living in Atlanta. This house has now been torn away and a cafe is now built on the lot which is the second lot south from the southeast corner of the intersection of West Peachtree Street, N. E. and Prescott Street, N. E.,





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in postal zone eight.

Uncle Anton Delkin was also a member of the Elks here in Atlanta and a member of the Old Guard or the Governor's Horse Guard.

Uncle Anton's first employment was with the John Smith Company, manufacturers of carriages, as a painter of the carriages. He was allergic to the paint odors and left that job at the urging of his mother. His next job was with a jewelry store; I believe this employment was <sup>with</sup> a man named Solomonson.

Both our mother and Uncle Anton attended The German School and later the Orphans Free School, obtaining the equivalent of the third grade. Uncle traveled and read much and was self educated, probably equaling the college graduate level.

This now ends my comments of our Grandmother Kontz's three children: Aunt Amelia Muff, Bertha Carolena (our mother), and Uncle Anton Louis Delkin.

Since I began writing this letter I have obtained information from two of Aunt Amelia's grandchildren, Mrs. Wilmotine McDuffie Owen and ~~Anelia McDuffie~~ Mrs. Amelia McDuffie Harmon, that Aunt Amelia Muff was born the twenty-seventh day of April, eighteen fifty-seven (4-27-1857) and died the eleventh day of May, eighteen eighty-seven (5-11-1887). See the second line from the bottom of sheet number twenty of this letter, change Leon as written to Henry Leo; Henry Leo died June 10, 1887; he was born December 20, 1883.

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After the death of Mr. Henry Kontz, Sr., Grandmother Kontz continued to live and make her home at 139 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Georgia. When our mother, Bertha Carolena, and our father, Benjamin Franklin Jones, were married on November 2, 1882, they went to live at Mrs. Green's boarding house but shortly returned to 139 Mitchell Street where they made their home with Grandmother Kontz who from this time forward until her death made her home with our father and mother. Here at 139 Mitchell Street all of our parents' children were born with the exception of you, Alice.

In the year of 1902 all of us moved our home from 139 Mitchell Street to the house located at 110 Davis Street. Here at this house our Grandmother Kontz died on the twenty-sixth day of January, nineteen seven (1-26-1907). She was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia as I have already described. She died of pneumonia.

Grandmother Kontz was probably a charter member of the German Lutheran Church, then on Forsyth Street, later moved to Trinity Avenue, and I believe is now the Saint John Lutheran Church at 1410 Ponce DeLeon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

To describe her physical appearance, she had thick, fine hair of chestnut brown color; very fair/<sup>complexioned</sup>~~complexion~~ and blue eyes, and about five feet and one inch tall. Her feet were very small and narrow; Uncle Anton always made special efforts to buy her shoes of the proper size, often ordering directly from New York City.

She spoke English satisfactorily but with an impatient urge, during an expression, to switch from English to German, to the bewilderment of her listeners at those times. She was very intelligent, having a remarkable memory; she was known to have memorized





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almost completely her German Holy Bible. Her appreciation of literature was demonstrated by the many poems she had memorized. Uncle Anton subscribed to a German language newspaper for her which she greatly appreciated.

Grandmother Kontz liked to recall from time to time an experience with Union soldiers during the War between the States which she had while living at the Kontz house on Marietta Street in Atlanta, Georgia. A group of Union soldiers invaded their home for the purpose of plundering. They began tearing clothing from closets, pulling out drawers and dumping contents in the middle of rooms and generally abusing furniture and house decor. As she watched the proceedings in bewilderment mixed with anger, she instinctively began blessing them out in the German language, not realizing she was speaking German instead of English. To her amazement she observed that she had halted their actions; they began picking the disarrayed articles which they had thrown to the floor and placing them in the various places of keeping, as nearly as possible in the original order. When they had completed restoring order to the house, they begged her forgiveness and offered their apologies, also in the German language! They then left the house and yard immediately. Several hours later they all came back to her home bringing sacks of flour, sugar and coffee which Grandmother Kontz, her Aunt Maria Felker Trabert, and the children no doubt were delighted to receive and which provided the household with those particular needs until the war was ended.

Until I write you all again,

Lovingly, your sister, Mabel

*Mabel N. Jones*  
(Signature: Mabel Nina Jones)







at the mouth of Soap Creek near the old paper mills, the 4th Corps at Powers Ferry, and the 14th and 20th at Paces Ferry. The 23rd Corps moved by Sandy Springs and Oglethorpe University to Decatur. The 4th Corps marched to Buckhead, and the 14th and 20th moved southward on Howell Mill Road.

The Confederates, under Johnston, retreated across the river July 9th, at Bolton. On the 17th, General Johnston was relieved of the command and General John B. Hood was appointed his successor—this transfer of command taking place at the Dexter Niles house, the present site of the Julian Oglesby house at 1042 Marietta Road.

Hood made his first attack on the afternoon of July 20th. There are a few traces of the battle still visible—the Federal breastworks thrown up just after the conflict, but marking the embattled lines, may be seen between Tanyard Branch and Howell Mill Road—northward of Collier Road. Colonel Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third president of the United States, commanded a brigade in Ward's division of the Federal 20th Corps in this battle. Harrison's brigade was at Collier's Mill during this battle.

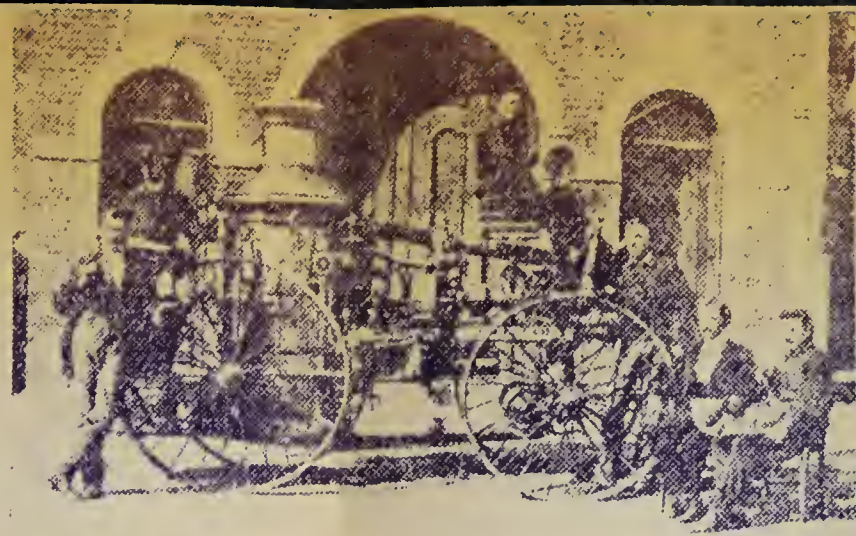
During the night of the 21st, Hood withdrew all his troops to the inner line of fortifications, thereby enabling him to hold the city with a less number of men while launching another attack on the Federals.

At the outset of this, the Confederate General W. H. T. Walker was shot from his horse by a Federal picket. The monument marking the scene of his death is on Glenwood Avenue, one mile east of Flat Shoals Road. The Federal General McPherson was killed. The monument marking the scene of his death is in McPherson Avenue in East Atlanta.

This engagement is known as the Battle of Atlanta. It  
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The Kontz House, Atlanta, 1868. Headquarters of General George Gordon Meade, Commander of the Department of the Southeast. It stood on the present site of the Atlanta Georgian and Sunday American Building on Marietta Street. From sketch by Wilbur G. Kurtz.

Tallahassee Fire Company No. 3, Atlanta, organized 1859. Driver on seat, John Hinton Colbert. Seated next to front wheel, Willis Biggers. The engine house was located where the Grant Building now stands on Broad Street.



A section of the west side of Hitchcock Street between Alabama Street and the railroad as it was about 1861, showing old slave market and John Ficken's cigar factory. Photo from Kurtz collection.



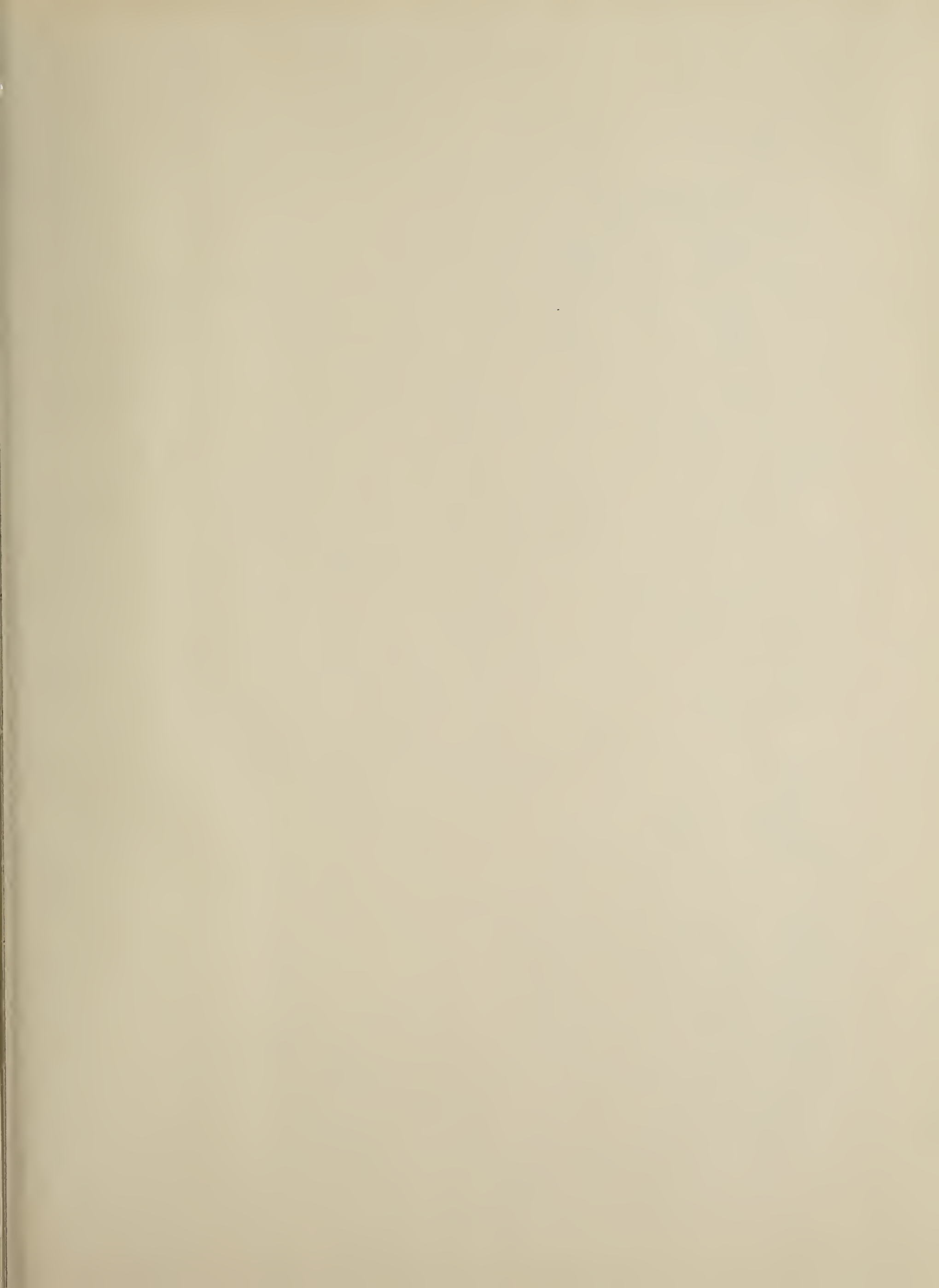
















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